

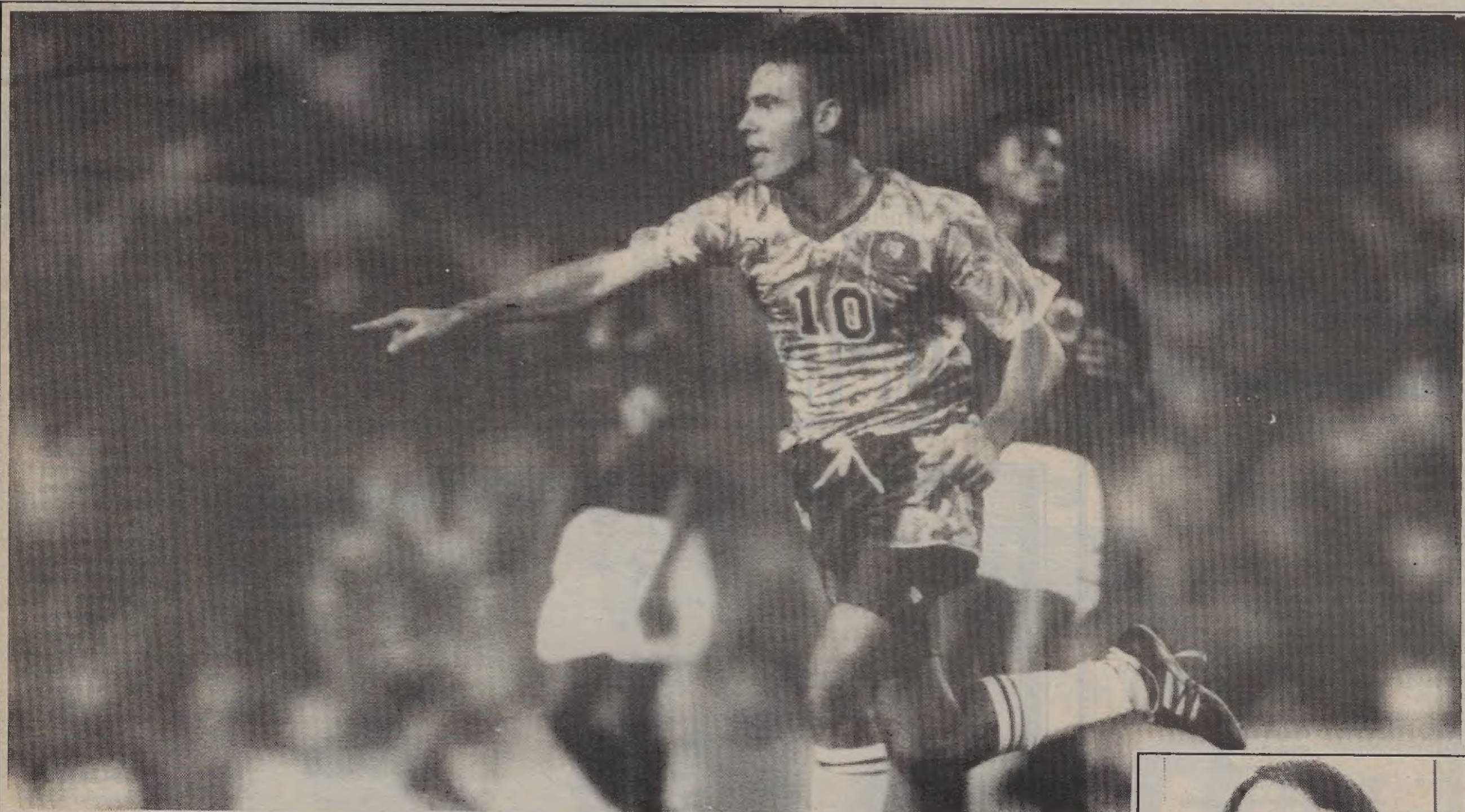
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WEEKLY

AUSSIE TOP GUNS



ANTE MILICIC: Celebrates his stunning equaliser against Colombia

by **BRUCE CAMPBELL**

Australia got off to a dream start in its opening World Youth Cup match on Friday when it gunned down the highly rated Colombians - and now we can sit back and look forward to another two weeks of first class football action.

The Young Socceroos have consolidated Australia's place as an emerging footballing nation and the organisation of this Championship is drawing universal praise from major personalities - including FIFA bosses Joao Havelange and Sepp Blatter who seem to have fallen in love with Australia.

Coach Les Schienflug continues in his bid to reach a FIFA tournament for the first time ever when Australia plays its second game against Russia tonight and Cameroon on Thursday.



Schienflug: his Young Guns are blazing

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WORLD YOUTH CUP

ALL THE MATCH REPORTS AND BIG STORIES FROM AUSTRALIA '93

Gunning puts Parra in Cup Final

Eagles come from behind

By ROHAN CLARKE

THE clinical finish and workrate of veteran Geoff Gunning, lifted Parramatta Eagles into the National Soccer League Cup final by beating Sydney CSC 2-1 on Wednesday.

In a spiteful semi-final witnessed by almost 1,400 spectators at Marconi Stadium, Gunning ignited a second half Eagles fightback with two goals, including a superb volley to equalise.

Parramatta trailed 1-0 at half-time after CSC's teenage striker Mario Jermen struck in the sixth minute.

But a half-time roasting by Parramatta coach Rale Rasic pulled the Eagles out of an indifferent first half performance.

Two minutes into the second half Parramatta midfielder Michael Reda and Robert Wheatley combined to set up Gunning for a left foot volley which brought the first Eagles score.

The match-winner came in the 77th minute with a build-up by substitute Gabriel Mendez combining with



The Eagles in action

Aytek Genc, before Gunning finally toed in a rebound.

Parramatta skipper Wheatley said of the first half effort: "I was extremely critical of our performance."

"The intensity wasn't there and we were playing like pussycats."

Wheatley singled out midfielders Gunning and Eagles Genc for special praise

in the second half, saying: "Genc was a powerhouse with defensive runs into midfield."

Coach Rasic added: "There is incredible willpower in the team."

"The spirit of this club is the greatest in Australia."

Rasic was referring especially to striker Marshall Soper, who carried an injury into the game and only played when pressured by his teammates.

SYDNEY CSC: Kalac, Kupresak, Milicevic (Babic 80), Popovic, Jermen, Stanton, Petkovic, Krslovic, Hristodolou, Gibson, Caleta.

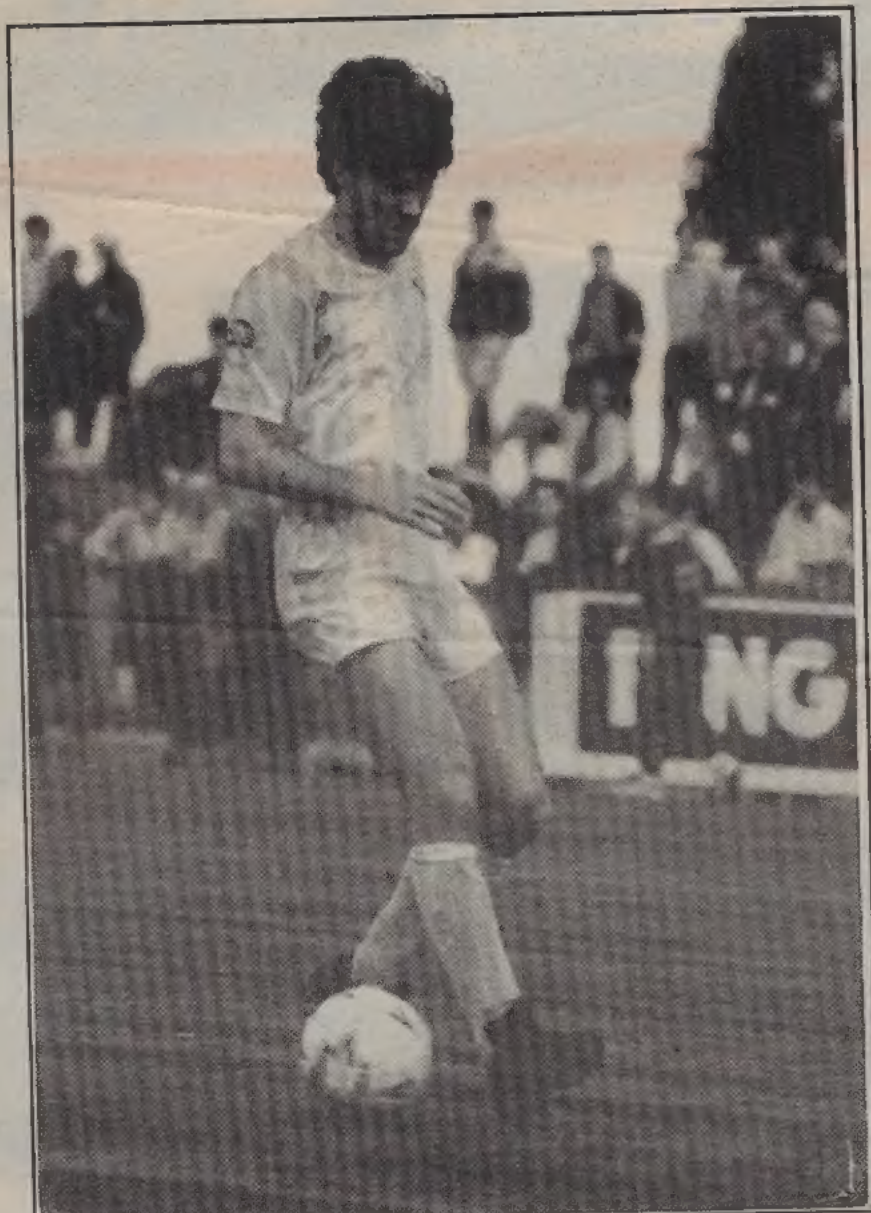
PARRAMATTA EAGLES: P Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Gomez, Wheatley, Ciantar, G Gunning, Genc, Soper (Adioski 86), Renda, Foster (Mendez 58).

SCORERS: Jermen 6m for Sydney CSC, G Gunning 47m, 77m for Parramatta Eagles.

YELLOW CARDS: Kupresak 30m, Caleta 69m for Sydney CSC, O'Donnell 37m G Gunning 30m, Mendez 72m for Parramatta Eagles.

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Robert Wheatley

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THOMMO'S CHOICES



Australian Coach Eddie Thomson

EDDIE Thomson was one of 70 national team coaches asked to select their best three players for 1992.

Thommo's Top Three — in order: Stoichkov

(Barcelona/Bulgaria), van Basten (Milan/Holland), Gascoigne (Lazio/England).

A strange choice, that, as Gazza only played in the last five months of

last year, but far less bizarre than the selections of some of Thomson's colleagues.

The national coach of Gambia, for instance, only voted for players

from his own African nation!

For the record, the outcome of the poll was: 1 van Basten, 2 Stoichkov, 3 Jurgen Hassler (Germany).



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1981 WORLD YOUTH CUP

AUSTRALIA 2 ARGENTINA 1

WORLD CHAMPIONS ARGENTINA KNOCKED-OVER BY YOUNG AUSSIES

By JOHN ECONOMOS



Incantalupo

The Sydney Sportsground exploded into action in the first three minutes of the World Youth Championship match between Argentina and Australia.

In the second minute, Australia's skipper, Peter Raskopoulos, took a well-directed free-kick to set up giant centre-back, Steve Blair, on the far post, whose header stretched the Argentinian goalkeeper.

No sooner was the save made, when Australia was again on the scene as Raskopoulos charged into the box but crashed into the goalkeeper, as David Mitchell screamed in to smash the ball into the net. However, the Polish referee, Jarguz, awarded Argentina a free-kick. What was going on?

Here were Argentina, world champions, on the ropes as Australia's international babies were zeroing in from all angles with fire.

Steve Blair pushed up into attack on four successive corners won by Australia, and every time he came up, the Argentinian full-back, Nestor Clausen (an evil looking, tough, highly-skilled customer), dropped off his striker to pick up Blair in the box and constantly gave Steve a rough time.

But the magnificent Blair was out of this world in this period, and dished out more than he copped from the Argentinian. When a set-play broke down, he was very quickly back in his central-defensive position. Blair, together with his captain, Raskopoulos, in this torrid first half, was outstanding and they both lifted the entire Australian team.

Argentina could not believe the Australian resistance.

Raskopoulos, in the 22nd minute, burst down the right flank and was hit in the face by an Argentinian defender and had to receive first aid attention.

Argentina soon realised the main "drivers" for Australia were Raskopoulos and Blair, and they focussed their treatment on these two.

Argentina's left attacking-midfielder, Carlos Mendoza, was causing Australia problems

down her right flank, and Robbie Wheatley had his hands full with him. Highly skilful and tough, Mendoza kept punching at Australia's right-back pocket, only to find Wheatley hanging in and absorbing all.

Argentina's determination increased with tackles again on Raskopoulos and twice on left midfielder, Incantalupo — all vicious tackles coming from Clausen.

By now, Incantalupo's Italian blood started to boil and twice he came screaming back with upending tackles on the Argentine to "balance the books" for Australia.

At the half-time mark, the scoreboard showed nil-all. What was in store for the spectators in the second half was just unbelievable.

Five minutes into the second half, Australia's stocky striker, Mark Koussas, burst down the right flank, wheeled around and smashed a left-footed shot that ricocheted off the post.

In the 63rd minute, Argentina made her first change, and brought on Urruti for midfielder, Tapia.

One minute later, Australia changed Incantalupo for Hunter. Making his comeback for Australia after being injured for 11 months.

Then disaster for Australia in the 67th minute.

Argentina's replaced player Urruti, broke into Australia's box, as both Blair and Wheatley came across in over. Blair got to Urruti first, but held off his right leg just two feet short of contact. However, the very cunning Argentine read the situation well and, untouched, took off on a tremendous dive that impressed the badly-positioned referee, who immediately blew for a penalty. Jarguz was conned at Australia's expense.

Burruchaga smashed a high, lifting shot that grazed the underside of the cross-bar, with Glen Ahearn diving to the correct side but low Argentina 1-0.

In the 70th minute,

Argentina made her second change and took off Borelli for Cecchi.

Then it happened Justice at last.

In the 79th minute, little dynamo, Paul Kay, took a free-kick from out wide on the left, and lofted the ball perfectly into the box for striker Dave Mitchell, who got up well to head the ball down. It came off a defender's arm and bounced into the path of Mark Koussas, who hungrily lashed out and walloped a crashing right-footed smash into the left corner of the Argentine's net.

Australia 1, Argentina 1

World champions Argentina was on its knees on the canvas. Who could believe it? The crowd went mad.

Sweeper Oscar Crino pushed up into attack. Raskopoulos and Kay pressed forward spraying balls out wide, left and right. Wave after wave of green and gold flooded forward. The grandstands were rocking. The crowd screamed AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA.

The adrenalin reached boiling point, both on and off the pitch.

One minute left in the game and it happened.

Australia's brilliant striker, Mitchell, received a high ball in the box. Rising high over his full-back, he won the ball in the air and nodded it down square to Hunter, who in turn sidefooted into the right corner for goal No 2.

ABSOLUTE CHAOS ... P A N D I M O N I U M HYSTERIA AUSTRALIA HAD JUST KNOCKED OVER THE WORLD CHAMPIONS, ARGENTINA.

The crowd invaded the pitch as Hunter was buried by the entire Australian team. The Australian bench went mad. The grandstands went mad. There was bedlam in the press-box. The entire stadium was electrified.

And in the stadium was NSW Sports Minister, Michael Cleary, who only hours before had told the press that rugby league was

always going to be the number one sport in Australia.

Australia's Young Champions, from the green and gold corner, had just knocked out the World heavyweight 2-1, as telephones, telexes and live TV beamed the battle and the result throughout the

world.

It also gave me personally a great thrill as for the last 10 weeks, here in ABSW, we have been saying that this could happen.

Best for Australia ... EVERYBODY. But I have to make special mention of Blair, Raskopoulos, Kay

and Mitchell, who laid on both goals:

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn, Wheatley, Blair, Crino, Tredinnick, Lee, Raskopoulos, Kay, Incantalupo (Hunter 64), Koussas (Patikas), Mitchell.

ARGENTINA: Goicochea, Clausen, Martino, Giovagnoli, Gordillo, Moressi, Tapia (Urruti 63), Burruchaga, Garcia, Borrelli (Cecchi), Mendoza.

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GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

No-one should dismiss the huge achievement of Australia in staging its second World Youth Championship. It really is a signal point in our emergence from footballing obscurity to one of the most talked about countries in the game.

If we could only enter a time warp and transfer our qualification for the 1974 Munich World Cup sixteen years forward. Had the Socceroos qualified for Italia '90 we would be slap bang in the middle of the biggest boom in the Australian game's history. Sadly, they didn't, and while no-one would want to take it away from our '74 stars, it's one of the tragedies of the game that that success wasn't followed up.

TV BATTLE

The good news for football fans last week was that the ABC and SBS had come to an agreement to screen Australia '93 in areas not serviced by SBS signals, thereby significantly increasing the watching public for the tournament. But it really is a joke that the original agreement was broken in the first place - and more so that it was ever made public. Other than harming the reputations of the TV executives involved it didn't do much for the image of football either.

CANBERRA MAFIA

A comment made by Johnny Warren last week during a training session of the Young Socceroos at Sydney Football Stadium gave food for thought.

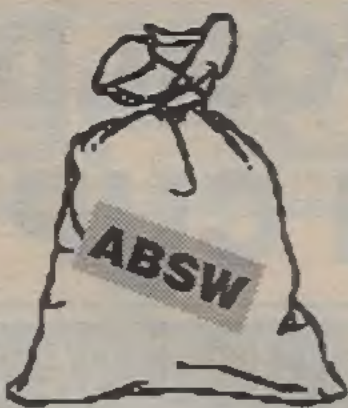
Apparently every one in a little group had a strong Canberra connection - including the ex Socceroo captain himself who called it the "Canberra Mafia".

One of the most prominent personalities was ASF Staff Coach Vic Fernandez who is in camp with the Young Socceroos. But after the championships are over Victor goes back to his daily life - but this season without a club to coach. That's the sacrifice someone like Fernandez has to make in order to lose money as a Staff Coach for the ASF!

But Victor isn't the only talent going to waste in National League-less Canberra. Other than the myriad of talented youth who will give the game away because of limited progression, Canberra has another excellent and fully qualified coach - former English First Division and Canberra City pro Steve Bryant. Bryant has a full FA badge, is one of the best coaches around and yet, like Fernandez, is treading water in football never-never land.

Both have received enquiries from overseas - like another Canberran, 16 year-old Leo Langone, who last week joined the playing staff of Argentinian super club River Plate.

It might be the Canberra Mafia but unless the locals get together and combine their energies to achieve National League status then the game in the capital might well follow Canberra City - the former National League club which last week was in danger of folding up completely.



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LETTER OF THE WEEK

I don't know why people are criticising Kevin Muscat - they should be enjoying the last few weeks they are likely to see him playing in Australia. Muscat is a certainty to be playing in British football next season.

Our loss will be the Pom's gain, but I'm just glad to have seen a really talented young player at the start of what I hope will be a glorious career.

Ian Symon
Ringwood (Vic)

(Watch out for the post - there is a nice new football on its way. It's that positive spirit that our game is so badly lacking. - Editor)



KEVIN MUSCAT: Set to leave Middle Park?

A STUPID RULE

I think that the new celebrating rule is by far the most pathetic that the ASF has come up with.

Why should they book a player for celebrating a goal with the fans?

In Europe, players jump over the fences and go fanatical. The referee does nothing at all.

In a recent match in the National League Steve Maxwell got sent off for a second bookable offence after celebrating when he had scored against Marconi.

What kind of a rule is that?

I would like to suggest that it is time that the ASF got its act together and make decent rules - not stupid ones.

Nick Alepidis
Earlwood (NSW)

(I couldn't agree with you more, Nick. Imagine what our refs would do if the players actually kissed

each other after scoring. But don't blame the refs, blame FIFA - our refs are only carrying out the letter of a very bad law. - Editor)

WORLD CUP '94

Could you give me information with regards to the 1994 World Cup tournament.

My wife and I wish to go, whether the Socceroos qualify or not, but I have scoured the Travel Agents without any success.

No-one seems to have any idea what is going on. I am looking for a package covering the 4 weeks of the finals.

Let's hope that the Socceroos qualify, then perhaps someone will do us a special deal.

John Pleasant
- ex Bournemouth and, Crystal Palace
Burrengary (Qld)

(No problems, John,

information and package on its way - hope you enjoy the trip. - Editor)

TWICE AS GOOD

Despite the increase in price - or the decrease in pages - Soccer Weekly is looking better than ever.

I thought your coverage of the World Youth Cup was very professional and look forward to reading about a great tournament.

S Skriptic
Canberra (ACT)

(To enable Soccer Weekly to achieve its target of coverage our reporting staff has been trebled. I am aiming to get back to 32 page format as soon as possible - in both editions. The first of those is a special edition at the end of this month with a Parramatta Eagles feature. - Editor)

HIDDEN INCREASE

Having been an avid reader of your paper for several years may I congratulate you on now producing twice weekly.

However, why has there been a hidden increase in price?

Peter G Scotney
Redbank Plains (Qld)

PROMOTIONAL CHANCE

I am delighted with the

amount of positive media coverage soccer is receiving because of the World Youth Cup. It just goes to prove that Australians, regardless of any particular sport they follow, will always be interested in the best.

It is now up to us, if we can keep on coming up with the results then the game will get the support it deserves - if not then it will always be second best.

I Lapinski
Parramatta (NSW)

(Yes, the ball is at our feet - if we score the goals then we'll win. No-one wants to cheer an easy beat. - Editor)

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USA '94 TICKETS

Selling like hot cakes

TICKETS for the first phase of the 1994 World Cup sales plan have sold out or virtually sold out in New York, Chicago and Washington, and the category 1 seats in several other locations also are nearly gone, said US organisers.

The first phase of the ticketing plan began on February 1 with applications mailed to about 1.7 million American homes.

That mailing list includes players, coaches and officials who are officially registered with the US Federation and those who attended National team games in the past several years and requested ticket information.

World Cup press officer John Griffin said he did not have an estimate of how many tickets had been sold.

"They've been just overwhelmed by the phone and mail orders, they haven't had a chance to get an exact number," he said. "And if they do they haven't given it to me."

Officials have not said how many tickets have been allotted for the "private sale," which is to end on March 31. Sales for the American general public begin in June.

The specifics for sales to the International Community, to which 1.3 million of the available 3.6 million tickets have been reserve, are to be announced.



Dalglish Signs For Southern Cross

Whitford Announces Ambitious Plans For Coaching School



Australian under 16 squad (July 87)

Punch left hooked on football

Labor MP Gary Punch wants Australia to stage an Asia/Pacific Cup competition every two years - with the Federal Government picking up some of the bill.

If re-elected after the March 13 poll, Punch will lobby the Prime Minister to back the tournament - no matter who ends up in the Lodge.

Punch, 35, MP for Barton in Sydney's south-west, also plans to take football to Canberra by forging stronger links between the ASF and federal politicians.

"The cup tournament would feature national or club sides and the government could underwrite the cost of setting it up," said Punch, 35, an avid football fan and patron of Sydney Olympic.

"Football can play a huge role in the future of Australia by helping foreign relations and trade with Asia where the game is booming.

"I'm sure Australian firms with business interests in the region would be interested in sponsorship. This is achievable," he added.

"If we kick the idea off after the election, I believe we'll need two years to get it accepted and organised," added Punch, whose constituency includes ASF headquarters in Rockdale.

As a former cabinet minister in the Hawke government, Punch has been keen to use his influence in Canberra on football's behalf.

"Last year, after speaking to Prime Minister Paul Keating, I helped secure an extra \$250,000 from the Sports Commission for World Youth Cup," said Punch.

"That is the most striking example of what I have done for the game."

Punch, who has passed his Level 2 coaching certificate, plans to set up a "Friends of Football" group at Federal Parliament.

"The idea is to give people involved in football a voice and contact point in Canberra to help sort out any problems and promote the game," explained Punch.

"I believe we will get between 20 and 30 MPs involved without too much trouble."

Punch became the youngest cabinet minister in Australian history in 1988 but resigned a year later in protest over plans for a third runway at Sydney airport.

As patron of Olympic, Punch is also preparing a report for the club on how to increase its support among junior footballers.

"The first thing we have to do is get the kids to associate more with the Olympic players," he said.

"I would like to see youngsters playing during the half-time break at every NSL game

"Football is definitely on the up in this country and I will continue to do everything I can to help it on its way," he added.

Glenn Whitford, of Southern Cross Soccer, has announced plans of his new coaching school.

"I will be working in close conjunction with our coach Vic Dalglish to provide a brilliant opportunity for

youngsters," said Whitford.

A series of intensive training has been designed to cater for youngsters who wish to develop into elite players.

Vic Dalglish is one of the most respected junior coaches in the game and

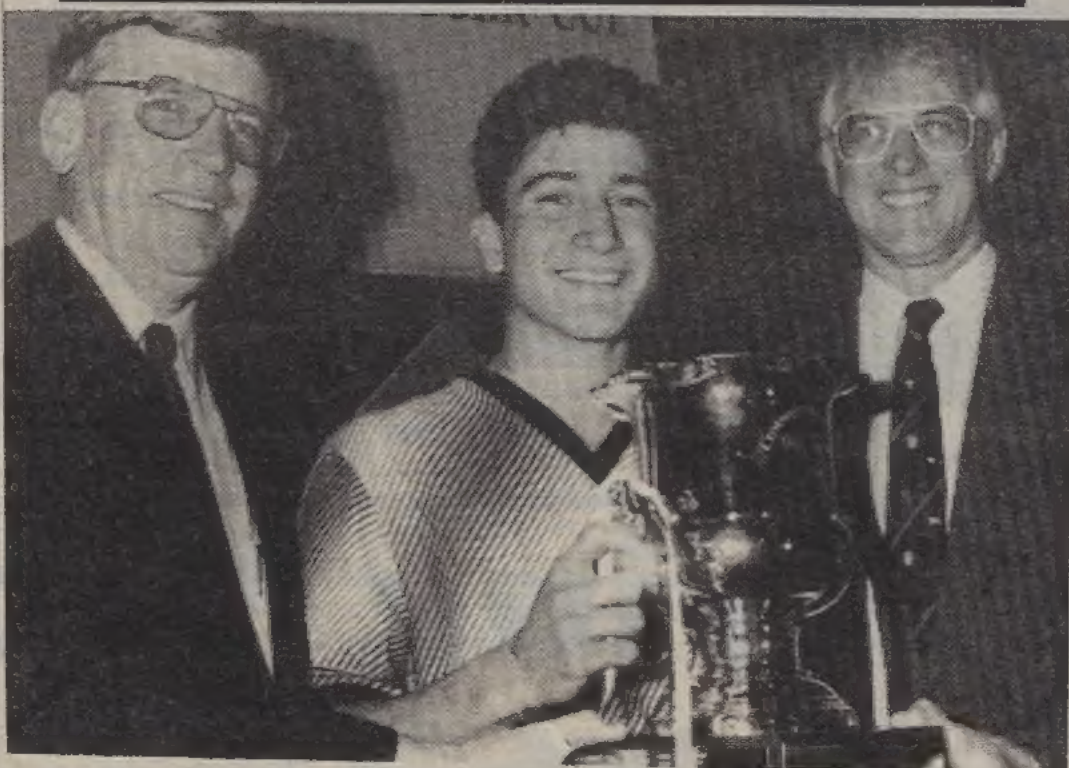
has been heavily involved in the past with Australia junior teams. He has taken four Australian Under 16 teams to the World Youth Championships in the past.

The Southern Cross Soccer School will also seek to place talented young players with

professional clubs and Whitford has already flown to England where he has established close links with teams in the English League.

The new coaching school comes at a time when Australian football is starting to embrace a far more professional outlook than in past years.

ONLY THE FA CUP IS BIGGER



THE Commonwealth Bank sponsored Bill Turner Cup for soccer players (U-15) continues to break records with over five hundred schools now entered into this year's competition.

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Over nine thousand players will take part in the competition. Girls are able to compete for their school in the Cup. Last year's area finalists, Ashford Central, had a squad that included four girls.

There has been an increase in almost all of the sixteen areas, with the biggest growth coming from the emerging Queensland sector.

Last year's Cup was won by Bossley Park, Sydney, over Oxley, Tamworth, in an extra time cliff hanger.

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Super kid Glen Johnson

Jermen Strikes

Mario Jermen has joined the long list of superkids in the Sydney CSC first team, marking his two first team games with two stunning goals.

Seventeen-year-old Jermen has replaced the out of favour Matthew Zec in the Sydney CSC forward line with such commitment and ability, that coach Manfred Schaefer is considering using the youngster in the NSW State League with Leichhardt Tigers.

"Despite his inexperience he is adapting very quickly to the first team," said Schaefer.

"I have certainly learnt to get rid of the ball straight away," said Jermen.

"In the youth team you have a lot more time.

"But when I played for the first team against Brisbane I really felt the difference in the tackling.

"The bruises soon build-up if you waste time on the ball," added Jermen.

Jermen spent his formative football career with St George, guided by the club's former coach Frank Arok.

"When the club fell out of the National League, I joined Sydney CSC youth team," said Jermen.

"I've learnt a lot from Schaefer at Sydney CSC this season.

"At the moment though I'm hoping to stay in the first team squad when the Sydney CSC plays its last three games after the World Youth Cup," added Jermen.



Mario Jermen Sydney CSC starlet

The boys of Bossley Park

Their names might not have the same ring as Gray or McCulloch but the likes of Paine, Macolino, Johnson, Iocca and Holst hold the key to Marconi's future.

The boys from Bossley Park are poised to Marconi-Fairfield on the threshold of a decade of unprecedented success.

That's the view of skipper Ian Gray who believes the club has unearthed one of the best crops of youngsters in the country.

Gray is convinced that if the youngsters can keep progressing as they have done this year, Marconi could be the dominant force in Australian soccer for the next ten years.

Marconi, with experienced players of the calibre of Gray, Italian, Eramno Pelucchi, Andy Harper and Tommy McCulloch, have the players to mould the youngsters into future stars.

"This is just the beginning regards youngsters," said Gray.

"Berti Mariani's vision was to have a conveyor belt of youngsters at Marconi.

"With Frank Arok now coach of Marconi the process of introducing the youngsters to first team football is continuing.

"Admittedly the policy of introducing the youngsters to the side has been forced on us due to the number of injuries we have had this year.

"But already players like Graeme Paine are establishing themselves in the side.

Ian Gray throws the spotlight on the Marconi youngsters.

AARON HOLST

Aaron has forced his way into the Young Socceroo squad with some good performances and goals. As a central defender he has yet to play in Marconi's first team. He's good in the air and has a



Graeme Paine



Fabio Macolino

good first touch. He reminds me Dominic Longo.

LUKE CASSERLEY

Coming back into form after dropping out of Young Socceroo contention due to injury. Right full-back who is a good runner and is very fit. He is currently challenging Gary van Egmond for a first team spot.

MARK SCHWARZER

Has been around on the scene for a couple of seasons and I rate him along with Mark Bosnich. He is a complete keeper and most people tend to forget he is only 20.

GRAEME PAINE

Graeme came from Coffs Harbour and was quite raw as a player. Bought as a sweeper but can play as a stopper. Has now played five games in the first team and Frank Arok is impressed with his work rate.

FABIO MACOLINO

I haven't seen much of Fabio as he has been away with the Socceroos for a long time. He is a natural midfield player who has a lot of skill. In first grade he has less time on the ball but he has shown Arok that he is prepared to adapt to playing one touch football. Fabio will do well with the Young Socceroos over the next three weeks.

GLEN JOHNSON

Glen is my kind of player as he is a real team player. Glen plays just behind the front two and he can be used in midfield as well. He does the

simple thing and he is an invaluable member of the side.

DARREN IOCCA

As a right midfielder Darren has come a long way in a very short time. Selected for the first team and then forced his way into the Young Socceroo squad.

He is in the same mould as Fabio, very much a ball player. He needs to work on his aggression.

MATTHEW BINGLEY

Like Schwarzer, Bingley has been around for a long time. He is still only 21 and the next two years are make or break for him as he will need to work hard to maintain his progress. Very likely that he will be a future Socceroo.

JAVIER MANCINO

Argentine who is a very skilful player. Needs to work on his pace if he is going to establish himself in the first team. Can play in midfield or up front.

UFUK TALAY

Came from the Youth side last year and has now played two games for the first team - not bad for a kid who is just sixteen. At his age he has more ability than Steve Corica did.

He is an exceptional player who can play in midfield or as a striker.

I think the Young Socceroos needed a player of Talay's ability. Ask any of the senior players and they will tell you that in training it's impossible to get the ball of him.



Darren Iocca

The flying Scot

MIKE SMITH FACT FILE

D.O.B: 30.4.1969

Born: Edinburgh, Scotland

Previous Clubs: St Johnstone, Alloa, Eastern Suburbs

Most memorable moment in soccer: Playing in the Scottish Cup semi final for St Johnstone against Glasgow Rangers.

Wollongong coach David Ratcliffe believes that Mike Smith's elevation to the NSW state team was just reward for what has been an outstanding season for the left flanker.

Ratcliffe is convinced that Smith will prosper in the NSW state side, playing alongside the likes of Steve Corica and David Seal.

"Smith is a class act and is crucial to our team," said Ratcliffe.

Smith at 23, is enjoying his football with Wollongong after a career with Scottish Premier league side St Johnstone was curtailed three years ago.

The tricky winger with the skill to match any in the National League, is currently leading the Soccer Weekly Player of the Year Awards and in the process helping the Wolves reach the

playoffs for the second year in row.

However, Smith's long term plans are yet to be decided. He is still contemplating returning to Britain to relaunch a professional career or staying in Australia permanently.

His selection for the NSW state team has put him on the long list of Socceroo possibilities. The state team has been a launching pad for many international careers and Smith's deceptive ball skills could be put to good use by fellow Scotsman, Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson.



Mike Smith

SOCCER POOLS



THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST WEEK 398 SAT. 13TH MARCH, 1993

ENGLISH PREM. DIV.	COVENTRY	ARSENAL	1
	MIDDLESBRO	LIVERPOOL	2
	NORWICH	OLDHAM	3
	QPR	WIMBLEDON	4
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	BIRMINGHAM	BRISTOL C.	5
	BRISTOL R.	WOLVES	6
	CAMBRIDGE U.	PORTSMOUTH	7
	CHARLTON	BRENTFORD	8
	GRIMSBY	LUTON	9
	MILLWALL	DERBY	10
	NOTT C.	WEST HAM	11
	OXFORD UTD	SOUTHEND	12
	SUNDERLAND	PETERBORO	13
	SWINDON	NEWCASTLE	14
	TRANMERE	LEICESTER	15
	WATFORD	BARNLEY	16
	BLACKPOOL	READING	17
	BOURNEMOUTH	STOKE	18
	BURNLEY	HULL	19
	EXETER	HARTLEPOOL	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	FULHAM	BRADFORD C.	21
	MANSFIELD	HUDDERSFIELD	22
	PORT VALE	BOLTON	23
	ROTHERHAM	PLYMOUTH	24
	STOCKPORT	BRIGHTON	25
	SWANSEA	CHESTER	26
	WEST BROM.	LEYTON O.	27
	BARNET	YORK	28
	BURY	DARLINGTON	29
	CHESTERFIELD	HEREFORD	30
	DONCASTER	SCUNTHORPE	31
	GILLINGHAM	CARLISLE	32
	SCARBORO	WALSALL	33
	WREXHAM	LINCOLN	34
	ATHERSTONE	TROWBRIDGE	35
	BURTON A.	CAMBRIDGE C.	36
BEAZER H. PREM. DIV.	CHELMSFORD	HALESOWEN	37
	HEDNESFORD	CHELTENHAM	38

RESERVE MATCHES

+ SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION	MOORE GREEN	CORBY	39
	WATERL'VILLE	WORCESTER	40
	ABERDEEN	FALKIRK	41
	DUNDEE	AIRDRIE	42
	HEARTS	DUNDEE U.	43
	MOTHERWELL	CELTIC	44
	PARTICK	S. JOHNSTONE	45
	RANGERS	HIBERNIAN	46
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	AYR	CLYDEBANK	47
	COWDENB'TH	STIRLING A.	48
	DUMBARTON	ST MIRREN	49
	HAMILTON	DUNFERMLINE	50
SCOT. DIV. 2	MORTON	MEADOWBANK	51
	RAITH	KILMARNOCK	52
	ALBION R.	BERWICK	53
	ALLOA	MONTROSE	54
	BRECHIN	STRANRAER	55

GET YOUR POOLS IN!

It takes only six numbers to win.

MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 397
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ENGLISH PREM. DIV.	BLACKBURN	SHEFFIELD UTD.	1	0-0
	IPSWICH	ARSENAL	2	2-4
	LIVERPOOL	MAN. UTD	3	1-2
	QPR	NORWICH	4	3-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 1	WIMBLEDON	SOUTHAMPTON	5	1-2
	BARNLEY	LEICESTER	6	2-3
	BIRMINGHAM	OXFORD UTD	7	1-0
	BRISTOL C.	TRANMERE	8	1-3
	MILLWALL	SUNDERLAND	9	0-0
	NEWCASTLE	BRENTFORD	10	5-1
	NOTTS.	BRISTOL R.	11	3-0
	PETERBORO	GRIMSBY	12	1-0
	PORTSMOUTH	LUTON	13	2-1
	SOUTHEND	CHARLTON	14	0-2
	WATFORD	SWINDON	15	0-4
	WEST HAM	WOLVES	16	3-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BLACKPOOL	HARTLEPOOL	17	1-1
	BOLTON	LEYTON O.	18	1-0
	BOURNEMOUTH	EXETER	19	1-3
	BRADFORD C.	HULL	20	1-2
	BRIGHTON	PORT VALE	21	0-2
	FULHAM	READING	22	0-0
	HUDDERSFIELD	ROTHERHAM	23	1-1
	MANSFIELD	WIGAN A.	24	2-0
	PLYMOUTH	PRESTON	25	4-0
	STOKE	CHESTER	26	4-0
	WEST BROM.	BURNLEY	27	2-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	CREWE	GILLINGHAM	28	3-1
	LINCOLN	NORTHAMPTON	29	2-0
	ROCHDALE	CARDIFF	30	1-2
	SCARBORO	BURY	31	1-3
	SCUNTHORPE	CHESTERFIELD	32	0-1
	SHREWSBURY	BARNET	33	1-0
	TORQUAY	DARLINGTON	34	0-2
	WREXHAM	HEREFORD	35	2-0
	CHELTENHAM	HASTINGS T.	36	0-1
	CRAWLEY	MOOR GREEN	37	1-1
	GLOUCESTER	BASHLEY	38	1-1

* FA CUP 6TH ROUND
+ BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP 5TH ROUND



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT WEEK 6/3/93 WEEK 397

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED									
'46	'47	'62	'37	'45	'73	'51	'75	'62	'79	'0	'30	'1	'19	'16	'10	'14	'11	'0	'10
'75	'81	'74	'75	'80	'69	'79	'66	'70	'86	'12	'11	'11	'12	'13	'11	'10	'14	'15	'16
'70	'68	'65	'71	'71	'88	'74	'99	'82	'102	'14	'10	'10	'15	'12	'13	'14	'14	'19	'13
'88	'78	'83	'94	'93	'94	'84	'79			'1	'15	'12	'14	'17	'11	'10	'10		

Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 397 SAT MARCH 6, 1993

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
9, 17, 22, 23, 37, 38.
Supplementary Number 1.

UK SOCCER RESULTS AND TABLES

FA CUP QUARTER-FINAL										Luton	32	7	14	11	34	49	35
Blackburn 0 Sheffield United 0, Ipswich 2 Arsenal 4.										Bristol City	32	8	9	15	36	58	33
ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE										Birmingham	32	8	8	16	29	53	32
Liverpool 1 Manchester United 2, Queen's Park Rangers 3 Norwich 1, Wimbledon 1 Southampton 2.										Southend	32	7	10	15	34	41	31
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE										Bristol Rovers	33	8	6	19	38	66	30
Barnsley 2 Leicester 3, Birmingham 1 Oxford 0, Bristol City 1 Tranmere 3, Millwall 0 Sunderland 0, Newcastle 5 Brentford 1, Notts County 3 Bristol Rovers 0, Peterborough 1 Grimsby 0, Portsmouth 2 Luton 1, Southend 0 Charlton 2, Watford 0 Swindon 4, West Ham 3 Wolverhampton 1.										ENGLISH DIVISION TWO							
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO										Stoke	31	19	9	3	57	25	66
Blackpool 1 Hartlepool 1, Bolton 1 Leyton Orient 0, Bournemouth 1 Exeter 3, Bradford 1 Hull 2, Brighton 0 Port Vale 2, Fulham 0 Reading 0, Huddersfield 1 Rotherham 1, Mansfield 2 Wigan 0, Plymouth 4 Preston 0, Stoke 4 Chester 0, West Bromwich 2, Burnley 0, Swansea 2, Stockport 2.										Port Vale	31	17	8	6	56	33	59
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE										Stockport	32	15	10	7	60	35	55
Crewe 3 Gillingham 1, Halifax 0 Carlisle 2, Lincoln 2 Northampton 0, Rochdale 1 Cardiff 2, Scarborough 1 Bury 3, Scunthorpe 0 Chesterfield 1, Shrewsbury 1 Barnet 0, Torquay 0 Dinnington 2, Wrexham 2 Hereford 0, Doncaster 0 York 1.										West Bromwich	32	16	7	9	53	35	55
SCOTTISH FA CUP QUARTER-FINALS										Leyton Orient	32	16	7	10	51	34	55
Aberdeen 1 Clydebank 1, Arbroath 0 Rangers 3, Hearts 2 Falkirk 0, Hibernian 2 St Johnstone 0.										Bolton	30	14	7	9	50	32	49
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION										Brighton	32	14	7	11	43	39	49
Airdrieonians 1 Dundee United 3, Dundee 1 Motherwell 1.										Rotherham	32	13	9	10	42	37	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE										Burnley	32	12	10	10	40	40	46
Ayr 3 Cowdenbeath 1, Hamilton 1 Dumbarton 1, Raith 2 Morton 0, St Mirren 0 Dunfermline 1, Stirling 2 Kilmarnock 0.										Reading	32	11	11	10	46	35	44
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO										Bradford	33	11	11	11	46	51	44
Berwick 0 Clyde 1, East Fife 2 Alloa 2, Forfar 1 Stenhousemuir 0, Montrose 1 Albion 1, Queen of the South 1 Brechin 2, Sherris & Queen's Park 2.										Fulham	33	10	14	9	40	46	44
HOMES LEAGUE										Swansea	31	10	13	8	39	31	43
Cheltenham 0 Hastings 1, Crawley 1 Moor Green 1, Gloucester 1 Bashley 1, Hednesford 3 Burton 0, Solihull 1 Dorchester 0, Trowbridge 0 Dover 2, Weymouth 1 Atherstone 3, Worcester 0 VS Rugby 0.										Sourhammou	31	11	10	10	33	33	43
NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE										Plymouth	31	11	9	11	35	39	42
Ards 0 Ballymena 0, Ballyclare 1 Cliftonville 1, Crusaders 1 Linfield 0, Glenrath 2 Coleraine 2, Larne 1 Distillery 4, Newry 1 Glengavon 1, Omagh 0 Bangor 4, Portadown 5 Carrick 2.										Hartlepool	32	10	9	13	35	44	39
ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE										Exeter	32	8	12	12	38	51	36
P W D L F A Pts										Preston	32	9	7	16	45	64	34
Man. United										Blackpool	32	7	12	13	42	54	33
31										Mansfield	32	8	9	15	37	57	33
Aston Villa										Wigan	32	8	9	15	31	45	33
31										Huddersfield	33	6	4	23	39	73	22
Norwich										Chester	33	6	4	23	39	73	22
31										ENGLISH DIVISION THREE							
Queen's Park										Barnet	30	19	6	5	54	30	63
31										Cardiff	30	17	6	7	54	35	57
Sheffield Wed										Wrexham	30	16	7	7	55	41	55
30										York	31	15	10	6	52	33	55
Coventry										Shrewsbury	29	16	5	8	43	33	53
31										Lincoln	30	15	5	10	41	35	50
Blackburn										Bury	28	14	5	9	50	38	47
30										Walsall	29	14	4	11	52	48	46
Ipswich										Scarbrough	28	13	6	9	50	46	45
31										Crewe	28	14	3	11	45	43	45
Tottenham										Chesterfield	30	12	8	10	43	42	44
31										Rochdale	29	11	8	10	53	38	41
Man. City										Colchester	30	12	4	14	45	52	40
30										Doncaster	33	8	11	14	32	46	35
Southampton										Carlisle	29	9	7	13	41	44	34
32										Darlington	30	8	9	13	30	39	33
Arsenal										Souththorpe	27	8	7	12	34	39	31
31										Halifax	31	7	7	17	40	53	28
Chelsea										Hereford	29	8	10	13	34	47	28
31										Torquay	30	8	2	20	30	54	26
Leeds										Gillingham	31	5	10	16	35	48	25
31										SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
Liverpool										Rangers	31	24	6	1	76	24	54
30										Aberdeen	31	19	7	5	65	22	45
Wimbledon										Celtic	32	15	11	6	49	31	41
31										Hearts	32	13	11	8	35	29	37
Everton										Dundee Utd	33	14	8	11	37	34	36
31										Hibernian	32	9	11	12	40	45	29
Crystal Palace										Dundee	33	9	9	15	40	51	27
31										St Johnstone	32	8	11	13	37	51	27
Sheffield Utd										Motherwell	33	7	11	15	35	51	25
31										Partick	32	8	9	15	35	54	25
Middlesbrough										Falkirk	32	8	4	20	44	72	20
31										Airdrieons	33	4	12	17	24	53	20
Nottingham F										SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE							
30										Raith	33	20	11	2	66	28	51
Oldham										Dunfermline	33	20	11	2	66	28	51
30										Kilmarnock	33	17	7	9	47	30	41
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE										St Mirren	33	16	7	10	43	37	39
P W D L F A Pts										Hamilton	33	14	10	9	50	37	38
Newcastle										Morton	33	14	7	12	50	32	35
33										Ayr	33	11	11	11	39	35	33
West Ham										Clydebank	32	10	10	12	49	48	30
33										Dumbarton	33	13	4	16	50	60	30
Swindon										Meadowbank	32	8	8	16	36	60	24
33										Stirling	33	6	10	17	29	46	22
Porthmouth										Cowdenbeath	33	1	5	27	26	86	7
33										SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO							
Millwall										Brechin	29	18	7	4	49	22	43
33										Clyde	29	16	8	5	58	29	40
Tranmere										Stranraer	29	13	11	6	48	31	37
31										Alloa	29	14	8	7	46	38	36
Leicester										Forfar	29	14	7	8	57	40	35
32										East Fife	29	12	7	10	58	46	31
Grimsby										Arbroath	28	12	6	10	39	38	30
32										Stenhousemuir	29	9	9	11	41	38	27
Charlton										Berwick	29	10	5	14	42	52	25
32										Queen of Stn	29	8	7	14	40	51	23
Derby										Montrose	29	6	5	16	38	57	21
32										East Stirling	28	6	5	17	43	20	40
Wolverhampton										Queen's Park	29	7	5	17	39	57	19
33										Albion	29	4	9	16	26	53	17
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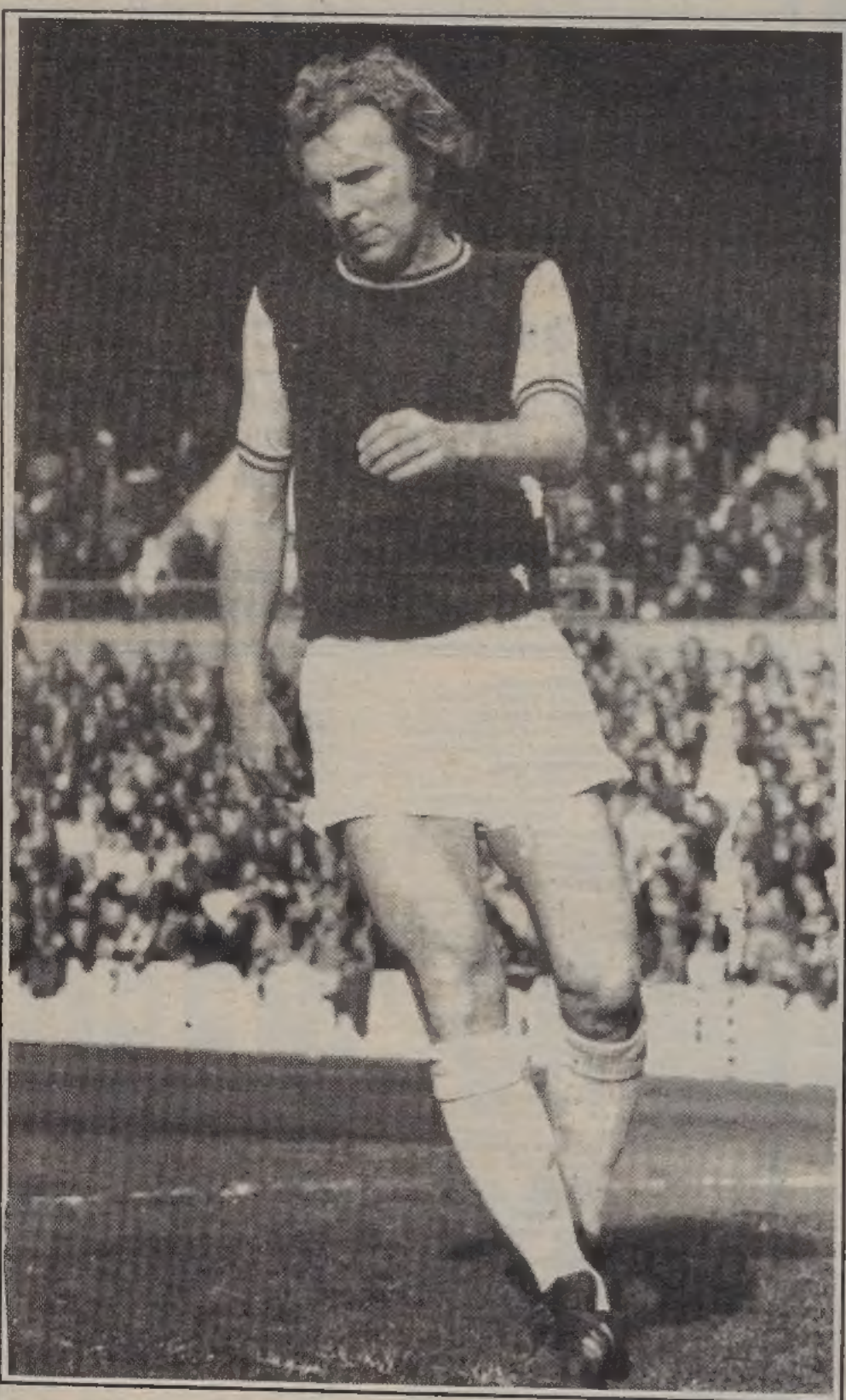
NO MOORE

WEST HAM SAY FARWELL

They came in their thousands, the old, the young, some who had never even seen him play, some who had been a part of his greatest triumphs. Yet all the West Ham faithful among the crowd of 24,679 on an emotion-filled occasion at the club's east London ground were united by a common bond. They came to pay their final respects to their favourite son, Bobby Moore, who died of cancer 10 days ago at the age of 51.

Moore will forever be remembered by those who filed through the gates of the Upton Park Stadium as the immaculate defender in the number six shirt who ultimately won the hearts of a nation as England's World Cup-winning captain at Wembley in 1966. Fittingly, two of his team mates on that historic day who were also club colleagues, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters, were among the crowd who paid tribute. Hurst and Peters, together with former West Ham and England manager Ron Greenwood, laid a wreath in the shape of a West Ham shirt, with Moore's famous number six on the back, in the centre circle before the first division match with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

It was West Ham's first home game since Moore died, and his widow Stephanie was among the club's biggest crowd of the season, together with her father and Moore's daughter Roberta.



Bobby Moore

Hurst said: "It was a very emotional occasion. It was an opportunity for all West Ham fans to pay their respects to Bobby."

"I personally wanted to come here anyway. My family and I wanted to pay our respects — but before I could ask, the club asked me."

Peters said: "We were both pleased to take part in whatever the club wanted to do. So much has been said about him — but we just wanted to pay our own tribute."

"My son came down during the week to lay the wreath outside the ground. The scenes there were heart-wrenching."

Bouquets of flowers were placed around the edge of the pitch by supporters in honour of their former idol, while two fans from Wolverhampton came onto the pitch and laid their own wreath to applause from the crowd.

The entrance to Upton Park was turned into a shrine — the gates and driveway festooned with flags, scarfs, shirts, wreaths and bouquets.

There were messages of sympathy for Moore from several other clubs and countries.

One message read: "Goodbye to a great footballer who will always be remembered from all at the Gwladys Street end — Everton FC."

And another stated: "To Bobby Moore, gone but not forgotten."

You'll be sadly missed, from all at the Kop — Liverpool FC."

Tributes were visible, too, from Norway, Italy and Bordeaux in France.

The match program symbolically left blank the number six space on the team line-ups.

West Ham had been given the go ahead by the Football Association to play without a number six shirt for this one match in honour of Moore. Instead, midfielder Ian Bishop wore the number 12.

There was a scrupulously-observed minute's silence.

West Ham manager Billy Bonds, writing in the programme, reflected the feelings of many when he said: "I've not only lost a former team mate I admired immensely, but a mate."

CANTONA CHARGED

FRENCH international Eric Cantona has been charged with misconduct by the English FA following allegations that he spat at supporters after Manchester United's match against his former club Leeds last month.

The allegations were originally made by Leeds fans, but the FA brought the charge after receiving statements from West Yorkshire police.

Cantona, about to start a two-match ban for reaching 21 disciplinary points, has 14 days to ask for a personal hearing.

If the striker is found guilty, his punishment is more likely to be a fine than a suspension.

Arsenal's Ian Wright was fined \$A3,100 by the FA last season after a splitting incident at Oldham.



Eric Cantona

England comes first

ENGLAND manager Graham Taylor has said Premier League clubs must be prepared to release players for the US Cup tournament in June.

"The Football Association have first call on players at all levels for international duty and I am expecting their release for this tournament," said Taylor.

His stand is likely to upset some clubs who want their top players for lucrative tours.

"There have been agreements in the past that the year after World Cups the clubs have first call as they did when he went to Australia and New Zealand in 1991," said Taylor.

"If that's the case you'd like to think the clubs won't have first call the year before a World Cup."

"I have to face the fact that after a long, hard season a couple of players who have played on for their clubs with slight knocks will need surgery."

"I fully understand they will not be available. Other than that I expect to have all players released."

England play 1994 World Cup hosts the United States in Boston on June 9, Brazil in Washington on June 13 and World Champions Germany in Detroit on June 19.

Taylor sees the tournament as "important preparation" for the World Cup finals.

"I expect us to qualify for the World Cup finals and reach the quarter-finals at least," he said.



Graham Taylor

CLOUGH SIGNS ROSARIO

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough signed Coventry striker Robert Rosario only hours after having his authority challenged at an extraordinary general meeting of the club's shareholders.

Clough, the longest-serving boss in English Football with 18 years at Nottingham Forest, bought the 26-year-old former Norwich player for \$A821,400 and put him straight into the line-up for a league match against Crystal Palace.

Clough came through the meeting with his authority unscathed following a bid by four rebel shareholders for greater insight into his management of Forest, who have been languishing in the Premier Division relegation zone for most of the season.

The rebels' proposal for a liaison committee was crushed by 126 votes to 41.

Some shareholders had expressed anger at Clough's decision to sell striker Teddy Sheringham to Tottenham and defender Darren Wassall to Derby without replacements being signed.

But immediately after the meeting Clough told them he was already in the process of recruiting a new player.

Forest chairman Fred Reacher said afterwards: "I'm delighted that the majority of shareholders are happy with the way the club is being run."

"This move has been very disruptive and it can't have helped at a time when everyone should be doing all they can to help us make sure of our Premier League survival."



Brian Clough

Hartlepool are in agony

IT'S agony for humble Hartlepool as they struggle to find the back of the net.

Before last weekend's fixtures the obscure Second Division soccer club from the northeast of England had not scored a goal for 1,176 minutes — 19 hours 36 minutes, or 13 matches ago.

The team's last goal is a dim memory dating back over two months — and even that was a hotly disputed penalty scored in a cup match on January 2.

"It's a nightmare for the strikers," said Viv Busby, the team's new manager.

"I was a striker all my life and I know what it's like to go 10 games or more without a goal."

Hartlepool topped the previous record of 17 hours 43 minutes during its match against Bolton.

But Busby was optimistic about the team's prospects of struggling off the unsavoury record.

"I was pleased with the overall effort... I haven't been here that long and I can see already that we are moving in the right direction."

Barnes is staying



John Barnes

LIVERPOOL has turned down a cash plus players offer from Aston Villa for England winger John Barnes.

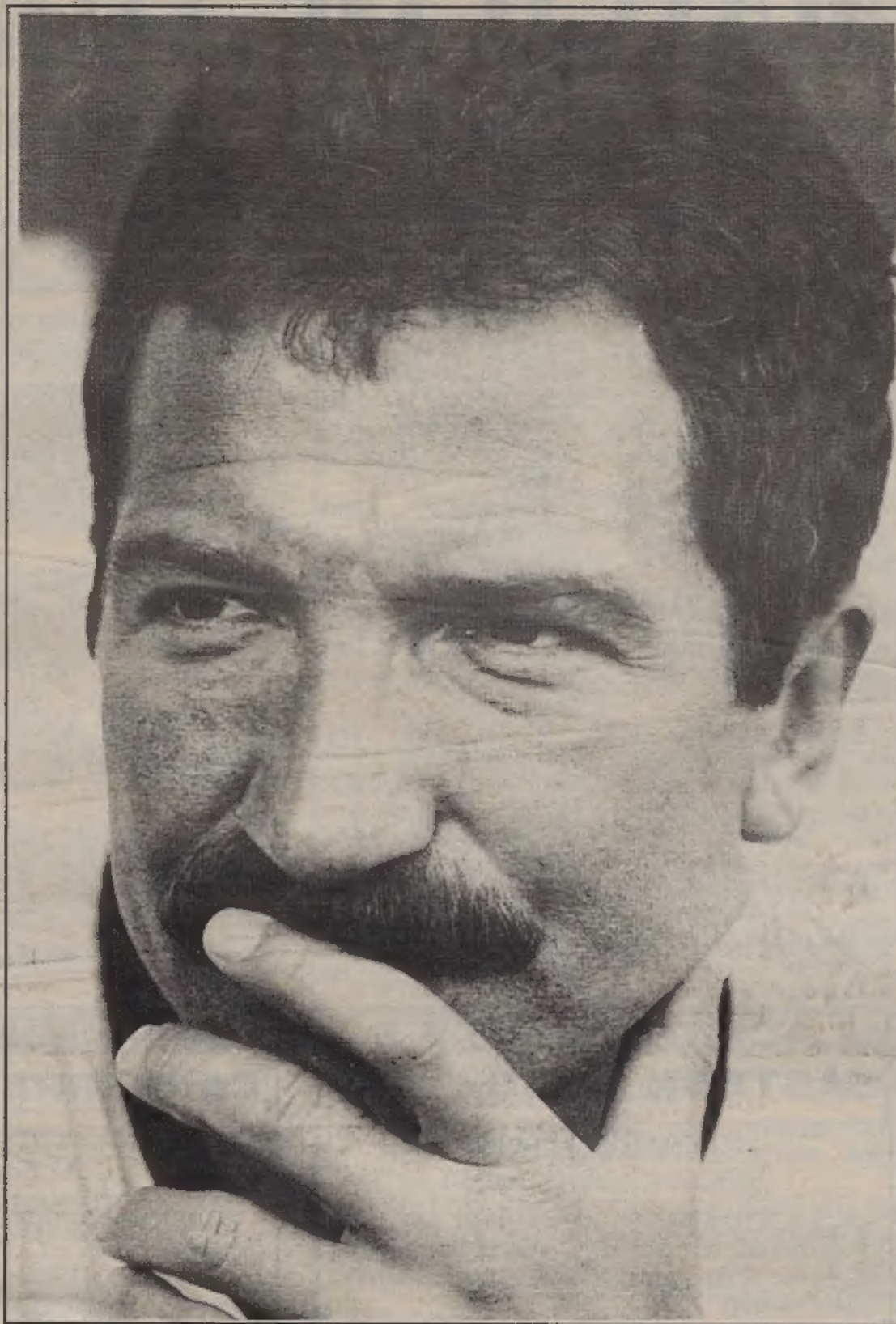
Manager Graeme Souness stressed that he wants his injury-plagued captain to stay at Anfield.

Villa manager Ron Atkinson tabled a package worth \$A6.18 million which included midfielder Garry Parker and defender Earl Barrett, plus \$A2.06 million in cash.

But, with Liverpool still not sure of Premier League survival, Souness turned down the offer.

Souness believes 30-year-old Barnes is still one of the best players in the country, saying: "I made John our captain earlier in the season and I completely agree with those who have described him as one of the few great talents in the country."

"He has had trouble with injuries and is still not playing at his very best. But I want him to stay with us and recapture the form I know he is capable of."



Graeme Souness

RANGERS LOOKING GOOD

DUTCHMAN Pieter Huistra equalised 18 minutes from time against Belgium's Club Brugge to keep alive Glasgow Rangers' European Cup dream.

Huistra's strike secured a hard-fought 1-1 draw in Group A of the semifinals for the Scots, who are seeking to reach their first European Cup final.

Brugge were rewarded for their first half supremacy when Polish striker Tomasz Dziubinski scored a minute before the interval with a low, curling drive from near the penalty spot which skimmed home off the far post.

Rangers emerged a different side after the interval and at times outplayed the fading Brugge side, who came close just once through Nigerian striker Daniel Amokachi.

The Scots repeatedly saw their efforts thwarted by brilliant goalkeeper Dany Verlinden, who received a pain-killing jab in an injured calf early in the second half.

But the visitors had to wait until the 72nd minute for their just reward when Huistra hammered a shot high into the Brugge net after storming unmarked into the area.

Rangers and Marseille jointly lead the group with four points from three matches. The result virtually ended Brugge's chances of reaching the final.

Rangers had three excellent chances within the first five minutes after the break but found Verlinden unyielding.

The Belgian keeper stopped Mark Hateley's short-range header in the 47th minute and was still down when he blocked Huistra's shot from the rebound. Scottish top scorer Ally McCoist was thwarted three minutes later.

Rangers midfielder Stuart McCall came close twice before Verlinden had to dive at full stretch to push a Dave McPherson shot off the goal line. McPherson already had his arms aloft, convinced he had netted.

Brugge had made most of the running in the first half and could have opened the scoring after 16 minutes when a 20-metre half-volley by Belgian international Franky van der Elst slammed against the bar.

Dziubinski was successful nine minutes later, profiting fully when Rangers' Ukrainian midfielder Alexei Mikhailichneko failed to clear a long Brugge throw-in.

CLUB BRUGGE: Dany Verlinden, Alex Quarter, Rudy Cossey (Claude Verspaille 80), Vital Borkelmans, Franky van der Elst, Peter Creve, Lorenzo Staelens, Gert Verheyen, Foeke Booy, Daniel Amokachi, Tomasz Dziubinski.

RANGERS: Andy Goram, Scott Nisbet (Stephen Pressley 84), David Robertson, Dave McPherson, Neil Murray, John Brown, Stuart McCall, Pieter Huistra, Alexei Mikhailechenko, Ally McCoist, Mark Hateley.



Mark Hateley

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Tony Adams

Arsenal battled its way into the FA Cup semi-finals but had to share the Allimelight with Manchester United, who went top of the Premier League.

Arsenal put its League disappointments behind it with a thrilling 4-2 victory over Ipswich at Portman Road to become the first side into the last four.

Chris Kiwomya had the home crowd on its feet after 16 minutes, firing home his 16th goal of the season.

But England defender Tony Adams brought Arsenal right back into the sixth round tie with his first goal for nearly a year after 29 minutes.

Adams, playing with a protective plaster over the 29 stitches incurred when he cracked his head in a late-night fall a week ago, beat Ipswich goalkeeper Clive Baker with a far post header.

The Gunners then piled on the pressure, and the goals. Ian Wright put them in front with a 61st minute penalty before an own goal by Ipswich defender Phil Whelan made it 3-1.

But the end-to-end game suddenly looked to be swinging Ipswich's way when Bulgarian goal ace Boncho Guentchev stabbed home in the 77th minute.

But Kevin Campbell sealed it for Arsenal with a fourth goal in the final minute.

Hughes stuns Kop

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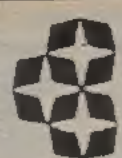
Mark Hughes

Scottish international Brian McClair was Manchester United's hero — scoring the 56th minute winner in a 2-1 victory over Liverpool at Anfield.

The goal meant that Alex Ferguson's side are now a point clear of overnight leaders Aston Villa.

Mark put United 1-0 up in the 42nd minute with his 13th of the season. But the Welshman then saw his strike cancelled out by Liverpool substitute Ian Rush before McClair came to the rescue.

England striker Les Ferdinand scored twice in Queen's Park Rangers' 3-1 victory over Norwich at Loftus Road, while Southampton came back to beat Wimbledon 2-1 with goals from Matthew Le Tissier and Kevin Moore.



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SUPER LEAGUE TABLES

SUPER LEAGUE

Blacktown City	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	3
Wollongong Utd	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	3
CYC Stanmore	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3
Rockdale Ilin.	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
St George	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Leichhardt	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2
Canberra Deak.	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2
Bankstown City	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Warringah Dol.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bonnyrigg	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0
Adamstown Rose.	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Sutherland Shire	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Canterbury Marr.	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	0
Eastern Sub.	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0

UNDER-21

Rockdale Ilin.	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	3
Canterbury Marr.	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	3
Bankstown City	1	1	0	0	0	5	2	3
Bonnyrigg	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3
Adamstown Rose.	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Canberra Deak.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Blacktown City	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	2
Eastern Subs.	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	2
Leichhardt	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
CYC Stanmore	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0
St George	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Warringah Dol.	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	0
Sutherland	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	0
Wollongong Utd	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0

UNDER-18

Rockdale Ilin.	1	1	0	0	0	12	0	3
Warringah Dol.	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	3
Blacktown City	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	3
Wollongong Utd	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
Leichhardt	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Bonnyrigg	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2
CYC Stanmore	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	2
Adamstown Rose.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
St George	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Canterbury Marr.	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Canberra Deak.	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Eastern Subs	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Bankstown C.	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0
Sutherland	1	0	0	0	1	0	12	0

MATCH OF THE DAY

WARRINGAH DOLPHINS V BANKSTOWN CITY

BY JULIAN BEDFORD

Warringah and Bankstown City had to settle for just a point apiece after toughing out a tight 0-0 draw at Cromer Park yesterday.

Billed as the match of the round, this game could have gone either way, had everything except goals and at the end of the day was a fair result.

Much of the match saw both teams battle for supremacy in the midfield and operate effective offside traps.

Both sides had one-on-one goalscoring chances, the Dolphins' George Fernandez could only chip straight to the keeper, while Bankstown's Alan Goldridge should have done better, when he shot wide after intercepting a cross field pass.

WARRINGAH DOLPHINS..... 0
BANKSTOWN CITY0

The pace of the game picked up in the second period, end-to-end action became the order of the day and both sides went ever so close to breaking the deadlock.

Warringah's Frank Gigliotti charged down an attempted clearance by Mendo Ralevski on the left hand side of the area, giving himself a clear run at Tony Avellino's goal, but shot into the side netting.

At the other end, Bankstown's ace marksman Scott Gilbert continued to find space, and in one move set up defender Scott Baillie, whose effort was well saved by Sean Lahif.

Within minutes Lahif again had to provide another fine effort, saving the

homeside again from a Gilbert right footer from the edge of the box.

The Dolphins got back into their stride applying the pressure Gigliotti cleverly avoiding the offside trap, saw his shot spectacularly saved by Avellino.

In the 80th minute a through ball from Warringah captain-coach Glenn Sterrey found Matthew Lowe, who along with two strikers appeared offside, the Dolphin perfectly chipped the advancing keeper only to see the rebound clear off the post.

Gilbert again went close to stealing the points for the visitors inside the final five minutes, however his guided shot beat the keeper and the upright.

The hosts almost stole the game in the last seconds when a free kick on the right edge of the box was thudded in and almost squeezed through Avellino's legs.

WARRINGAH: Lahif, Etherington, Butler, Miranda (Moss 70), Brown, Iglesias, Lowe, Pierce, Gigliotti, McKie (Panetta 75), Sterrey.

BANKSTOWN CITY: Avellino, Souris, Baillie, Ralevski, Reveley, Fernandez (Jebraiel 50), Gilbert, Boskovski, Spirovski, Velevski, Goldridge (Cokovski 75).

YELLOW CARDS: Miranda 15m, Butler 85m for Warringah. Reveley 10m for Bankstown.

REFEREE: N Jones.
CROWD: 300 approx.
POY: Sterrey 3, Gilbert 2, Gigliotti 1.

BLACKTOWN CITY 5
EASTERN SUBS. 0

BY MATTHEW CLARK

BLACKTOWN CITY flashing their new strip, overcame their hoodoo by winning their opening game of the season, destroying Easts 5-0 at The Gabbie yesterday.

On an overcast afternoon, City had too much class for last season's wooden spooners, shooting straight to the top of the Super League ladder, aided by a superb David Batten hat-trick.

The Demons managed to open their account as early as the first minute, Batten alert enough to net following an ill directed pass by an Easts defender.

The homeside continued to bombard Les Bihari's goal, but it took until the 33rd minute before Batten again pounced to give the Demons a comfortable two goal buffer at the interval.

The visitors began the second half with a great deal more purpose and vigour, but it was all to no avail as City scored again in the 51st minute and effectively killed off the Lions challenge.

It was a sensational goal that brought the relatively poor crowd of 250 to their feet, Randall Easthorpe heading home the clincher from a well directed cross.

The visitors almost salvaged some respectability in the 61st minute, but the woodwork denied Alex Robertson's men any joy.

Batten again stamped his mark on the match, completing his hat-trick after 68 minutes and stretching the Demons lead to 4-0.

In the final 15 minutes both sides felt the effects of the heat, more so the visitors who succumbed to another goal, courtesy of an impressive strike from Pat Bradley in the 77th minute.

With the season in its very earliest of stages Blacktown again appears to have the goods for a successful campaign, while Easts

will need some improvement to avoid bottom spot for the second successive year.

BLACKTOWN: Carter (Grovenwoud 74), Driene, Connolly, Langan, Ashton, Brockbank, Bradley, Berry (Comerford 80), Easthorpe, Batten (McKinna 74), Fitzharris.

EASTERN SUBURBS: Bihari, Tesoro, Devenay, Giokaris, Palapanis (Pillemer 45), Sharpley, Harriott, Ferguson, R Jerkovic, Milloy (Adamson 74), Armour.

SCORERS: Batten 1m, 33m, 68m, Easthorpe 51m, Bradley 77m for Blacktown.

YELLOW CARDS: Brockbank 35m, Bradley 45m for Blacktown. Palapanis 24, Tesoro 35m for Eastern Suburbs.

REFEREE: N Xanthos.

CROWD: 250.

POY: Batten 3, Bradley 2, Bihari 1.

LEICHHARDT TIGERS 2
CANBERRA DEAKIN 2

BY ALFRED HIAPI

LEICHHARDT TIGERS staged an exciting second half comeback to secure a 2-2 draw with pre-season favourites Canberra Deakin at Lambert Park yesterday.

Down 2-0 at halftime after strikes by Canberra's Stan Dukic and Tony Lemeza, Leichhardt battled back with goals from Bruno Beddoni and Scott Xuereb.

Despite holding the bulk of possession in the first half, Leichhardt were clearly outplayed by the Canberra team spearheaded by the attacking skills of ex-Apia player Lemeza.

Deakin went ahead as early as the fifth minute when Dukic's acutely angled shot from the right of the area was deflected past Leichhardt goalkeeper Frank Mikuletic.

While Leichhardt's attack floundered at one end, Canberra's breaks through Ray Junna and Andrew Ravello looked ominous at the other and when Lemeza's right foot volley trickled into the net past the stranded Mikuletic in the 23th minute, Canberra appeared to have complete control of the game.

This seemed set to continue in the second half when a flurry of chances saw Mikuletic only a powerful Doug Marcina drive in the 52nd minute only to be beaten by a Lemeza header which looped over the bar a minute later.

But the complexion of the game changed in the 62nd minute when Beddoni ran onto Brian Ellem's chip and forced the ball home after Canberra keeper Chippy Ganasca parried his first shot.

From that point Leichhardt's Shane Clinch and Jeff Doyle took control of midfield while fullback Paul Carter and Beddoni made damaging inroads into a rattled Canberra defence.

After Xuereb headed in Doyle's free kick to equalise in the 71st minute the Tigers pounded the Canberra goal in search of the winner.

In a resounding finish Xuereb struck the post in the 83rd minute after substitute Con Kery's through ball set him free of the defence and in injury time Paul Pettendon's cross sliced tantalisingly close to Ellem in front of goal.

Canberra survived but Leichhardt's courageous display will have dented their confidence.

LEICHHARDT TIGERS: Mikuletic, Carter, Mason, Dihm, Spanoudakis, Clinch, Doyle, Ellem, Collett (Kery 57), Beddoni (Pettendon 78), Xuereb.

CANBERRA DEAKIN: Ganasca, Marcina, Mazis, Rogic, Young, Galletti (Millin 77), Junna, Muriqi, Lemeza, Ravello, Dukic (Vanzetti 65).

SCORERS: Dukic 5m, Lemeza 23m for Canberra. Beddoni 62m, Xuereb 71m for Leichhardt.

YELLOW CARDS: Marcina 36m, Rogic 91m for Canberra. Mason 84m for Leichhardt.

REFEREE: Sogiottis.

CROWD: 400 approx.

POY: Clinch 3, Lemeza 2, Ellem 1.

**SUTHERLAND 0
ROCKDALE 2**

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

LOCAL rivals Sutherland and Rockdale clashed at Seymour Shaw Park yesterday, the Rockies stacked with four ex-Sharks collected the points with a dour victory.

With Robbie Sellar, Darryl Sharpe, Geoff Biscaya and Scott Deveridge all crossing to Rockdale in the off season, a reasonably inexperienced Sharks took to field for the start of the new campaign.

In all 18-year-old keeper Damon Emanuel, 17-year-old Scott Henderson at the back, and 19-year-old Scott Gould and Keith Jeffs did a great job for the Sharks, and until the final minute the match was still up for grabs.

Robbie Sellar cashed in on an open crack at goal in the 32nd minute, tucking his effort inside the left post for the opener and Ken Slavski's penalty in the 89th minute after he was fouled, secured maximum points for the visitors.

SUTHERLAND: Emanuel, Cabassi, Jeffs, McEvoy, Henderson, O'Shea, Beaufields (McMeadows 70), Lardis, Brandtman, Condoleon, Gould.

ROCKDALE: Warren, Edmunds, Sellar, Naumovski, Biscaya, Lazarevski (Voloder 61), Slavski, Nastoski, Sharp, Deveridge, Lerond.

SCORERS: Sellar 32m, Slavski 89m for Rockdale.

YELLOW CARDS: Condoleon for Sutherland.

REFEREE: P. Spiers.

CROWD: 480 approx.

POY: Cabassi 3, Henderson 2, Jeffs 1.

**WOLLONGONG UTD 4
CANTERBURY MARR. 1**

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG UNITED scored all their goals in the first half in a shock 4-1 win over Canterbury at McLennan Park.

Having lost most of his experienced players from last season, Wollongong coach Albion Mikulski wasn't over-optimistic before the kickoff.

Just 90 minutes later, he was praising the performance of his new-look side.

With Jarek Nowicki and Zjelko Jurin the survivors from last season having outstanding games, Wollongong led 4-0 after 43 minutes.

Nowicki put Wollongong ahead in the 17th minute, the visitors faded badly.

Kwasniewski fired the ball past George Bouhoutsos after the keeper failed to hold a powerful drive from Nowicki.

Five minutes later, Kwasniewski ran on to a pass from midfielder Alex Krstevski to blast number two past Bouhoutsos.

Chris Minol and Nowicki also found the net before the break.

Replacement Steve Christofoules scored Canterbury's consolation goal with 15 minutes left.

Canterbury had plenty of the ball in the second half but showed little penetration, midfielder Vlado Zoric proving to be their best player.

Nowicki was always a menace to Canterbury's defence while Kwasniewski, last season first division player of the year, is going to be a big asset to the south coast club.

The Sydney team now has to avoid the horror run it experienced at the start of last season while United's confidence will have been boosted by the result.

WOLLONGONG: Bowles, Dzeparovski, Sribinovski, Lasek, Krstovski, Kwasniewski, Clogu (Zulumanovsk), Minol, Nowicki, Nedat (Jovanovski), Jurin.

CANTERBURY: Bouhoutsos, Krimanidis, Orlic, Hantzis, Radman, Petrisis, (Christoforidis), Christol, Zoric, Ilic, Maganas, Dollnis.

REFEREE: C. Dimos.

CYC STANMORE 4 BONNYRIGG 2

BY ROGER SLEEMAN

THE Super League's newcomers Stanmore, shocked last season's champions Bonnyrigg, coming from two goals behind to triumph in front of almost 1,000 frenzied supporters at Wentworth Park yesterday.

Although always difficult to defend a title, the old Avala unit were expected to account for newly promoted CYC Stanmore and 2-0 ahead inside the first 20 minutes looked a comfortable start for the champions.

The homeside looked panicky at the back through the opening 20 minutes, Stephan Janic in the 11th minute, and Greg Carluccio in the 17th minute capitalising with goals for Bonnyrigg.

Steve Karavatakis grabbed a goal back for the hosts in the 28th minute and Tom Pontidas cracked home a perfect volley from the edge of the box to level the scores at the break.

Stanmore mentor Joe Watson tightened his ragged defence after halftime and the homeside took control.

Harry Christodoulou capped a man-of-the-match performance with a brilliant solo run that gave Stanmore the lead for the first time.

Stuart Porter found the target ten minutes after the restart following Christodoulou's fine solo run through the heart of the Bonnyrigg defence.

Stanmore put the match beyond the champions reach with a classy goal 20 minutes from time.

Steve Chilas beat two defenders before finding Jason Bennett who cleverly chipped Dragan Pupovac.

CYC STANMORE: Kyprianou, Adamou, Svinos (Foundas 70), Agiasotis, Papouthis, Plataniotis, Christodoulou, Karavatakis, Bennett, Pontidas (Chilas 60), Porter.

BONNYRIGG: Pupovac, Benitez, Vukmirovic, Radosavljevic, Tome, Janic, El Ali, Tapia, Curmi, Carluccio, Kovacevic.

SCORERS: Karavatakis 28m, Pontidas 44m, Porter 55m, Bennett 70m for Stanmore. Janic 11m, Carluccio 17m for Bonnyrigg.

YELLOW CARDS: Agiasotis, Papouthis for Stanmore. Benitez, Vukmirovic for Bonnyrigg.

CROWD: 900 approx.

POY: Christodoulou 3, Karavatakis 2, Bennett 1.

**ST GEORGE 2
ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD 0**

BY MIKE KOMADINA

A goal in each half was enough to secure maximum points for St George in their opening home match of the campaign, running down Adamstown 2-0 yesterday.

Early on the visitors held court, Brett Eldridge shooting just over after 12 minutes and Costa Camakamis blasting over letting the Saints off the hook again in the 18th minute.

The homeside took advantage of their early fortune, against the run of play Chris Card crossed for Tony Perinich and his free header gave keeper Craig Harris no chance from close range.

Adamstown were continually foiled, first by the legs of keeper Mark Nestorovic and off the line a desperate clearance by Blago Milicevic saved the Saints.

David Zdrilic set up the sealer nine minutes from time, sliding a pass for Sasha Giesen on the right, the Saints' defender's first time shot took an awkward bounce and eluded Harris to settle the issue.

ST GEORGE: Nestorovic, Giesen, Richardson, Milicevic, Spnovic, Card, Zdrilic (Haragli 87), Perinich, Savoca, Danaskos, Watson.

ADAMSTOWN: Harris, Hudson, McWhirter, Richards (Pryce 87), Owens, Bock, Eldridge, Camakamis (Sanderson 67), King, Chapman, Smith.

SCORERS: Perinich 32m, Giesen 81m for St George.

YELLOW CARDS: Watson 60m for St George. Richards 79m, Chapman 60m for Adamstown.

REFEREE: R Doenau.

CROWD: 230.

POY: Perinich 3, Zdrilic 2, Giesen 1.

RESULTS

SUPER LEAGUE

Leichhardt	2	Canberra Deak.	2
Sutherland	0	Rockdale Ilinden	2
Warringah Dol.	0	Bankstown City	0
Blacktown	5	Eastern Sub.	0
St George	2	Adamstown Rose.	0
CYC Stanmore	4	Bonnyrigg	2
Wollongong Utd	4	Canterbury-M'ville	1



Canberra in action

UNDER-21

Leichhardt	0	Canberra	1
Sutherland	1	Rockdale Ilinden	5
Warringah Dol.	2	Bankstown City	5
Blacktown City	3	Eastern Subs	3
St George	0	Adamstown Rose.	2
CYC Stanmore	2	Bonnyrigg	4
Wollongong Utd	0	Canterbury M'ville	4

UNDER-18

Leichhardt	1	NSW Academy	0
Sutherland	0	Rockdale Ilinden	12
Warringah Dol.	5	Bankstown	0
Blacktown City	3	Eastern Subs	1
St George	0	Adamstown Rose.	0
CYC Stanmore	2	Bonnyrigg	2
Wollongong Utd	2	Canterbury-M'ville	1

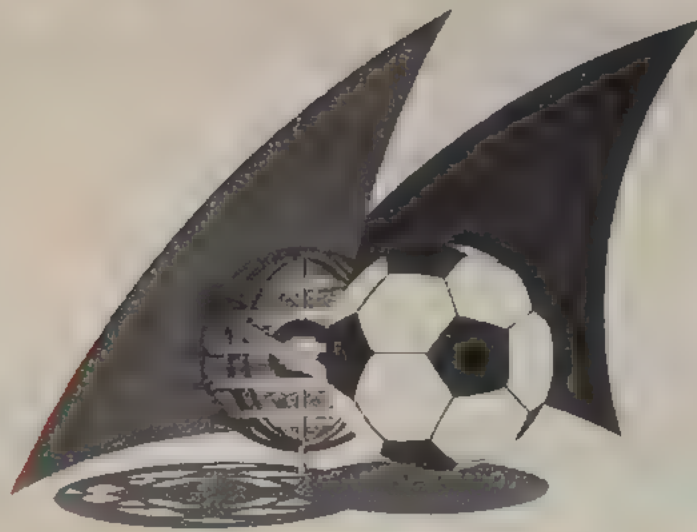
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Portugal line-up

1 Brassard
11 Rui Bento
6 Jorge Costa
4 Peixe
10 Nelson
5 Rui Costa
3 Figo
8 Paulo Torres
14 Joao Pinto 1
2 Gil
18 Toni



PORTUGAL 91

Brazil line-up

1 Roger
2 Zelco
3 Castro
4 Andrei
6 Roberto
8 Djair
15 Rodrigo
5 Marquinhos
10 Luiz Fernando
7 Paulo Nunes
9 Elber



Portugal win WYC on penalty kicks: 0-0 (a.e.t.)

Portugal	Brazil
No. 6 1:1	No. 17 0:1
No. 3 2:1	No. 9 1:1 (missed)
No. 8 3:2	No. 4 2:2
No. 5 4:2	No. 5 3:2 (missed)



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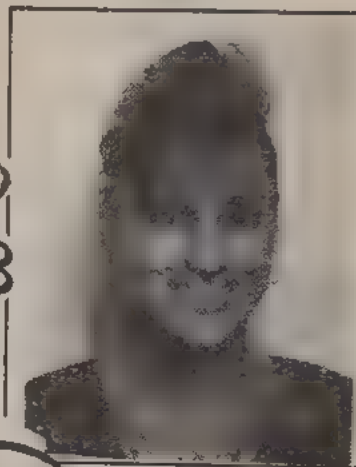
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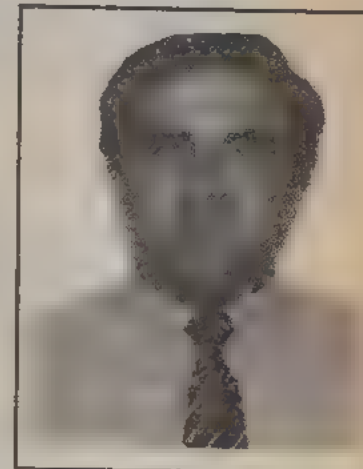
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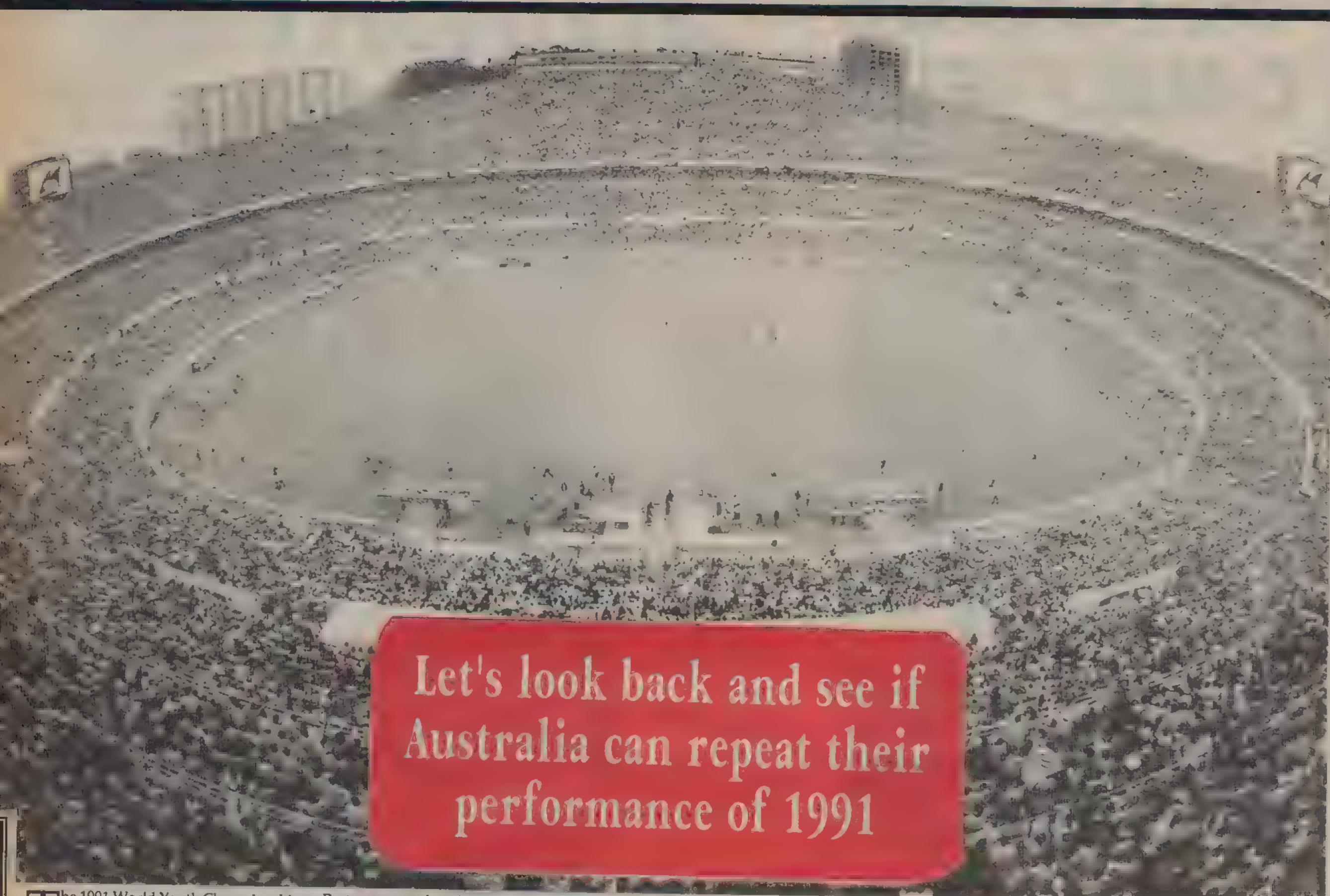
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WC FINAL



Let's look back and see if Australia can repeat their performance of 1991

The 1991 World Youth Championship Final saw the two best teams in the tournament, the pair that most people had hoped would meet in the final, take the field in front of an impressive crowd of 127,000.

The stadium began to fill hours before kick-off time and the fans showed their enthusiasm in happy chorus.

The two teams were also moved by the atmosphere and, despite the bare 0-0, scoreline delivered a spectacle that will go down in the history of the WYC.

After five minutes the first good chance fell to Portugal. A long throw from Gil reached Joao Pinto 1, who fired at goal from five metres out, but his effort was matched by a great save from Toger in the Brazilian goal.

Then the Brazilians took charge for a while, playing in the way in which they had surprised the Soviet Union in the semi-final. Aggressive pressing, starting in the opponent's penalty area, stopped the home team from getting their usual attacking combinations under way.

Good long range shots from the Brazilians, Andrei and Djair forced Brassard to pull off some fine saves. In midfield Djair, Marquinhos and Luis Fernando had the game more and more in control and brought their forwards cleverly into the game, but failed to capitalise on some excellent chances.

Attack after attack rolled towards the

Portuguese goal, and especially down the left flank there seemed to be a way through an otherwise compact defence.

But all the centres, many of them skillfully engineered, came to nothing; either a



lack of finishing or Brassard in goal, saw that the Brazilians did not get the kind of early goal that they had scored against the Soviet Union. This allowed their opponents to get back into the game.

Despite being under this pressure, the Portuguese tried to play their own game of launching counter-attacks from strong defensive positions.

However, the Brazilian defenders remained mostly on top, and Roger in goal dealt competently with anything that got through, thus putting to rest any doubts about his ability.

In the second half Brazil remained the more active team, with Portugal waiting for opportunities to counter-attack.

But after 70 minutes Brazil started to make mistakes and the Portuguese started to get on top and slowly became the dominant side.

A high point was a 40 metre free kick from Brazilian Andrei which forced Brassard to turn the ball round the post for a corner.

After 90 minutes of enthralling football, the game went into extra time, again Brazil getting off to a better start.

Despite both teams having chances to win, the extra time period also ended 0-0 and the final would be decided on penalties.

For Portugal Rui Costa's final penalty saw the title-holders through to victory, in a match neither side deserved to lose.

The Brazilians had shown that there was to be a new generation of players who can play attractive attacking football.

As the winners, Portugal showed that they could retain their ambitions and re-

Flashback

Both Portugal and Brazil will be attempting to win the WYC for the third time.

Portugal were winners in 1989 and 1991.

Brazil also won the WYC consecutively, in 1983 and 1985.

The Australian success

Emerging from the group matches without losing a point, Australia qualified for the semi finals by beating Syria in a penalty shoot-out in the quarter finals. The rank outsiders lost only 1-0 to eventual winners Portugal in front of a crowd of 115,000.

Group C

Australia 2 Trinidad & Tobago 0
Australia 1 Russia 0
Australia 1 Egypt 0
Quarter Final
Australia 1 Syria 1
(Australia won 5-4 on penalties)
Semi Final Portugal 1 Australia 0
Match for third place
Australia 1 USSR 1
(USSR won 5-4 on penalties)



ST ALBANS OUTCLASS CAULFIELD

ST ALBANS3
CAULFIELD CITY..... 1



Caulfield in action

By MICHAEL SCHIAVELLO

CAULFIELD City came off second best in a valiant contest with St Albans in their Premier League debut last Wednesday evening, eventually losing 3-1 at the Veneto Club.

Twenty-four minutes in and Milanovic, stole the ball from Zafiroopoulos who embarked on a run through the centre, unleashing a shot which was parried by the keeper.

Quick thinking from Kovacevic, to pounce on the ball and cross it back, allowed Milanovic on the rise to head past the keeper with surgical precision for the opening goal.

It took Caulfield twenty minutes to equalise when some fancy footwork enabled Papadopoulos to caress a pass to Nick Deligiannis who casually stroked the ball past

keeper Keogh for City's first Premier League goal.

However, the party was short lived when two minutes later, solid play from the lethal-footed Kovacevic, allowed him to deliver a long range cross to Charlie Fitzpatrick who made it 2-1.

The second half began with a full throttle assault from St Albans.

In the 49th minute it was Hussein Skenderovic who pounced on a loose ball after a scramble in the box, to slip the ball past the keeper.

Papadopoulos rocketed just wide for Caulfield in the 65th minute and 11 minutes later Darren Tuck crossed to substitute Ubachs who produced a high-legged snap which just detoured from goal at the last moment.

The game then slowly

faded as Caulfield conceded that their dream of a debut win was not to be, and St Albans had taken the points

ST ALBANS: Keogh, Opasinis, Ketsakidis, Radic, Colina, Carter, Milanovic, Fitzpatrick (Trogrlic), Kolar, Kovacevic, Skenderovic (Johnson).

CAULFIELD: Koletsas, Argyriou, Zafiroopoulos (Ubachs), Filipou, Sakellarios, Dimetrios, Kalogeros, Papadopoulos, Deligiannis, Stenson, Tuck.

REFEREE: Gerard Connolly.

GOALS: Milanovic 24', Deligiannis 43', Fitzpatrick 45', Skenderovic 49'.

VOTES: Papadopoulos (Ca) 3, Milanovic (St A) 2, Dimitrios (Ca) 1.

Brian Saves Juventus

By DAVID BEARD

SPRINGVALE CITY.....0
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS..... 0

SPRINGVALE City returned back to the Premier League on Wednesday night when they drew 0-0 with Brunswick Juventus in a hard fought clash at Paisley Park.

City Coach, Gus McLeod was pleased with his side's debut game and declared they will be no easy beats this season.

"We had seven scoring chances to two and gave them a big fight. I was very happy with the teams performance against last year's grand finalists," Gus said.

Juventus Coach, Billy Rogers on the other hand was pleased with a point considering the many injuries at the club.

"It was a battle out there on the park and I had to put in some youngsters because of injuries.

"John Corvan has had surgery on his knee, Steve Smith hasn't trained plus we were missing Dale White, Paul Della Rocca and Fausto De Amicis," Billy said.

Springvale's new signing from North Geelong, Mark Wilson was outstanding on the ground and will prove a valuable asset for the Vale this season.

For Juventus, goalkeeper Robert Brian kept extremely well and he was supported by tight defenders Marley and Ferla.

Juve's next match will be against Knox at the Western Oval on Tuesday March 16 while Springvale host St Albans at Ross Reserve when they turn on their new floodlights on Thursday March 18, kick off 7pm.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Zeally, Thomas, Walsh, Nolan, May, Maguire, Wilson,



Brunswick Juventus

Nelson (Stirton), Lennon, Nield, Hanna.

JUVENTUS: Brian, Marley, Ferla, Lane, Mazzini (Milicic), Asmicopoulos, Rice, Bakker, Sabatino, Smith, Grillo.

THE MOST EXCITING PLAYER VOTES: Wilson (Spr) 3, Marley (Juve) 2, Brian (Juve) 1.

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Bulleen off to a good start

BULLEEN2
GREEN GULLY..... 0

By PETER KOTSIRIS

BULLEEN opened its 1993 campaign with an impressive 2-0 victory over a dogged Green Gully with Fabio Incantalupo the hero with two goals.

Incantalupo returning to Premier League after an run of injuries and a near walkout from the club, inspired his teammates and was clearly back to his best.

On the other hand, Green Gully are in desperate need of a striker and will have to move heaven and earth to try and get back Sash Becvinovski and Derek Hunter from their respective CCSL clubs, after this dismal display of finishing.

Gully Coach, Dusan Kalezic was so frustrated he put veteran Vlatko Belic up front for the first half.

It proved to be a fruitless exercise as Belic was moved back to his customary defensive midfield position in the second period.

A goal of sheer brilliance was required to break the deadlock and it came from Incantalupo.

He ventured forward on a weaving run, leaving four defenders in his wake before chipping the ball over advancing keeper Charlie Sant.

To complete a sorry day for Kalezic's charges, the Lions made it 2-0 when Micky Branov found the 1991 Premier League Best & Fairest, who slotted home from 10 yards.

Green Gully needed something special in the second half and it came courtesy of midfield wizard, Alex Gymnopoulos who on his day is clearly the most skilful player in the League.

He created two fine chances for Belic and Peter Spiteri respectively, who were denied by two outstanding saves by Jeff Olver.

Watch out for these sides come finals time as both showed enough, particularly Bulleen, who are still awaiting the return of injured Bill Tsiakos, Stan Thodis and Danny Tiatto.

BULLEEN: Olver, Valentic, Vesnaver,



Thomastown's Peter Cocker rises above Frank Valentic (Bulleen)

Krajacic, Marsan, Branov, Grbac, Incantalupo, Patterson, Giaccherini, Bekiaris (Marino).

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Belic, Ciantar, Santa Lucia, Barjaktarevic, Chetcuti, Latomanski (Burlak), Gymnopoulos (D. Spiteri), Jankovic,

Campelj, P. Spiteri.

REFEREE: Ziggy Mnich.

GOALS: Incantalupo 31' & 90'.

VOTES: Incantalupo (Bull) 3, Olver (Bull) 2, Gymnopoulos (GG) 1.

Suberb Douglas

By JOHN RIGAS

ALTONA Gate drew 1-1 with Albion after unveiling their new floodlights for the first time on Wednesday night.

Man of the match, Steve Douglas was the player who denied Altona time and time again with an excellent display in defence.

The second half was 11 minutes old when Albion scored the first goal of the game.

Goran Georgievski, the new signing from North Geelong took a freekick from about 30 metres, blasting it into the Altona wall, with the ball deflecting off a defender and landing at the feet of an unmarked Steve Douglas.

He put a perfect pass to the hardworking Spiteri who rounded Darren Byrne and then rocketed the ball into the back of the net from six metres.

Ernie Toth made a dreadful mistake which cost Albion a goal when he dropped an inswinging corner from Ice Kutlesovski in the 70th minute.

Vitalle Ferrante swooped on the loose ball and hit his shot past Toth for the equaliser.

Albion's Ozan Sehmi provided the spark in the midfield which produced the first clearcut chance in the game.

Sehmi rounded an Altona defender and played the ball through to the speedy Joe Spiteri, his shot was brilliantly saved by Altona keeper, Zoran Janakievski.

The Gators should have had a goal in the 23rd minute but an excellent save by Toth denied a powerful shot by Tony Necevski which had goal written all over it.

Both sides were unlucky not to find the back of the net in the first half, after they played an entertaining brand of attacking soccer.

ALTONA GATE: Janakievski, Micevski, Momirovski (Todorovski), Harris, Byrne, Tate, Van Egmond, Ferrante, Lewis, Necevski, Kutlesovski (Trajkovski).

ALBION: Toth, Trani, Grimaud, Douglas, Georgevski, Lucchesi, Kebakovski, Sehmi, Spiteri, Simsek, Patsaman (Binyazar).

REFEREE: Dennis Voutsinas.

GOALS: Spiteri 56', Ferrante 70'.

VOTES: Douglas (Alb) 3, Micevski (AG) 2, Necevski (AG) 1.



Altona Gate's Bobi Momirovski (left) closes in on Northcotes's George Tsangas

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RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP

GROUP A

Marseille	3	1	2	0	6	3	4
Glasgow R.	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Club Brugge	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
CSKA Moscow	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

Remaining matches: March 17 Marseille v CSKA Moscow, Glasgow Rangers v Club Brugge, April 7 CSKA Moscow v Club Brugge, Marseille v Glasgow Rangers, April 21 Club Brugge v Marseille, Glasgow Rangers v CSKA Moscow.

GROUP B

AC Milan	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
IFK Gothenburg	3	2	0	1	4	5	4
PSV Eindhoven	3	0	1	2	4	7	1
Porto (Portugal)	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

Remaining matches: March 17 IFK Gothenburg v PSV Eindhoven, AC Milan v Porto, April 7 PSV Eindhoven v Porto, IFK Gothenburg v AC Milan, April 21 Porto v IFK Gothenburg, AC Milan v PSV Eindhoven.

SEMIFINAL SERIES

GROUP A

In Brugge: Club Brugge (Belgium) 1 Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1 (1-0). Scorers: Club Brugge: Tomasz Dziubinski (44m). Glasgow Rangers: Pieter Huistra 72m. Attendance: 19,000.

In Berlin: CSKA Moscow (Russia) 1 Marseille (France) 1 (0-1). Scorers: CSKA: Ilshat Fayzullin 55m. Marseille: Abedi Pele 27m. Attendance: 8,000.

GROUP B

In Oporto: Porto (Portugal) 0 AC Milan (Italy) 1 (0-0). Scorer: Jean-Pierre Papin 71m. Attendance: 55,000.

In Eindhoven: PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 1 IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 3 (1-3). Scorers: PSV: Arthur Numan 7m. Gothenburg: Mikael Nilsson 19m, Johnny Ekstrom 34m, 44m. Attendance: 23,000.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

QUARTER-FINALS, FIRST LEG:

In Prague: Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0 Parma (Italy) 0. Attendance: 25,000.

UEFA CUP

QUARTER-FINALS, FIRST LEG:

In Auxerre: Auxerre (France) 4 Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 2 (halftime 2-2). Scorers: Auxerre: Frank Verlaet 16m, Corentin Martins 43m, Pascal Vahirua 81m, Daniel Dutuel 90m. Ajax: Stefan Pettersson 3m, Marciano Vink 45m. Attendance: 20,000.

AFRICA

GROUP B

In Yaounde: Cameroon 0 Zaire 0
Attendance: 10,000

Cameroon	4	2	2	0	7	1	6
Swaziland	3	1	1	1	1	5	3
Zaire	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

Cameroon qualify. Zaire's postponed home match against Swaziland, originally scheduled for January 21, will not now be played.

Nine qualifiers for the Second Round of the African elimination competition are: Algeria (Group A), Cameroon (Group B), Egypt (Group C), Nigeria (Group D), Ivory Coast (Group E), Morocco (Group F), Senegal (Group G), Zambia (Group H), Guinea (Group I).

In Niamey: Niger 2 Botswana 1 (halftime 1-1)

Scorers: Niger — Moussa Yahaya (24th minute), Mounkaila Ide (89th). Botswana — Desmond Otto (42nd).

Ivory Coast	4	2	2	0	7	0	6
Niger	4	2	1	1	3	2	5
Botswana	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

LITTBARSKI TO MOVE

GERMAN World Cup player Pierre Littbarski has agreed terms to move to JR East Furukawa in the new Japanese League.

The 32-year-old midfielder, who has played in the last three World Cups, faced problems getting the go-ahead to leave relegation-threatened Cologne in time for the start of the Japanese season in mid-May.

But Cologne, worried about letting Littbarski go before they had secured their place in the top flight, agreed to let the player leave after the game against Bayer Leverkusen on May 8. The German season finishes on June 5.

"Cologne took into account the wishes of one of its longest-serving players who sees the move to Japan as an

important development in his career," the club said in a statement.

Littbarski, who was dropped from the German national side when Berti Vogts took over as coach from Franz Beckenbauer after the 1990 World Cup, has been struggling to get into the first team at Cologne who sacked its coach Joerg Berger.

But the two-year deal is expected to earn the veteran \$1,153,800 a year. Cologne gain their \$A699,500 from the sale.

Apart from a brief period at the Paris Club Racing in the 1986-87 season, Littbarski has played for Cologne since 1978. Capped 73 times, he will join former England striker Gary Lineker as one of the major foreign stars in the League.



Pierre Littbarski (right)

Maradona to play in Turkey



Diego Maradona

Diego Maradona said he could play for Turkey's Galatasaray next year if he does not renew his contract with Spanish club Seville.

"If I don't reach agreement with Seville, I will come to play for Galatasaray," Maradona told a news conference in Istanbul.

"It would be a great pleasure to play in Turkey."

Maradona, in Turkey for a friendly between Seville and Galatasaray, said he wanted to play for a team contending for the league championship.

"I am accustomed to playing for champion teams," he said.

Galatasaray, one of Turkey's leading teams, is currently in third place in the First Division, three points behind the league leaders Fenerbahce.

Maradona, 32, who has served a 15-month suspension for taking drugs, played for Argentina in a 1-1 draw with Brazil in a friendly last month.

It was his first appearance for the national side since the 1990 World Cup.

DRUGS TESTS PLANNED

FIFA plans to introduce drugs tests on players at World Cup qualifiers.

FIFA's monthly newsletter says "spot checks" will be made after qualifying ties for the first time.

Soccer's world governing body also intends testing extra players at World Cup finals.

Starting with the 1994 finals in the United States, FIFA will continue selecting two players at random for testing after first round matches.

But for the rest of the tournament three players per match will be tested.

MATCH SWITCH

FRANCE's World Cup qualifying match with Sweden on April 28 may be switched to Nantes if the Parc Des Princes in Paris is unable to stage it, said the French Football Federation (FFF).

The Parc Des Princes pitch was dug up last week and is being relaid after it broke up badly in recent weeks. It is expected to be back in use by mid-March.

The FFF said it would see how the relaid pitch stood up to a UEFA Cup match between Paris St Germain and Real Madrid and a Five Nations rugby game between France and Wales later this month before making a decision.

France and Sweden meet in European qualifying Group Six.

Ghent sack Vandereycken

BELGIAN First Division side Ghent has sacked its coach Rene Vandereycken. Vandereycken joined Ghent as coach in April 1989 and took the side out of the Second Division. The club reached the UEFA Cup quarter-final last season.

But the ambitious Northern Belgian side is currently ranked seventh in the table, 14 points behind leaders Anderlecht. After losing 3-0 at home against Beveren, fans called for Vandereycken's dismissal.

Vandereycken, capped 50 times for Belgium, is the country's fourth First Division coach to lose his job this season.

He will be temporarily replaced by the club's youth coordinator, an official said.



THE WORLD TODAY



THE WORST OF THE WORST ...

LUXEMBOURG's national team have a European record, which they can still improve, not having won any of their last 67 full internationals.

Their last victory was in May 1980, 3-2 against South Korea in Medan.

Immediately after that match, Luxembourg started to establish two other European — and possible world — records as well, by losing 32 consecutive internationals and not scoring for nine games in a row.

Estonia still await a first win after 15 matches, since beating Lithuania in 1945, and San Marino have also lost all their 13 internationals so far.

But the Luxembourg run of non-success seems unlikely to be passed. They have gone close a few times — notably when Scotland visited the Grand Duchy in 1987. They had to be satisfied with a goalless draw.

Luxembourg's visit to Belgium two years later, for a World Cup qualifier, was the most remarkable game during that long run without victory. Bruno Versavel gave Belgium an undeserved lead, with only four minutes remaining, but Guy

Hellers from standard Liege equalised two minutes later.

The Germans also had problems in 1990. Even though they were world champions. They took a 3-0 lead but were grateful to goalkeeper Bodo Illner for ensuring a 3-2 victory.

After Luxembourg, Cyprus have the longest list of games without winning, 38 in a row. After beating Luxembourg 1-0 in 1984, they did not win until last summer, 2-0 against the Faroes.

That started a series of three consecutive triumphs, which included 3-2 away to Greece and 3-0 at home to Malta. Norway are serious opposition now, but they have had difficulty several times.

They did not win any of their first 27 full internationals, until beating Denmark 3-1 in 1919. The previous year the Danes thrashed Norway 12-0.

Northern Ireland did not win on 21 occasions between 1947 and 1953.

With the creation of more small countries, nations such as Albania, Malta or Cyprus have more chances to win.

The same goes for San Marino ... and even Luxembourg.

The longest runs without victory (up to January 1, 1993)

Luxembourg	67	(1980-*)
Cyprus	38	(1984-92)
Malta	29	(1988-91)
Norway	27	(1908-18)
Albania	25	(1984-91)
Faroe	24	(1939-49)
Northern Ireland	21	(1947-53)
Eire	19	(1968-71)
Turkey	17	(1959-92)
Iceland	17	(1977-80)
Bulgaria	16	(1977-78)
Switzerland	16	(1928-30)
Sweden	15	(1920-22)
Estonia	15	(1945-*)
Denmark	14	(1969-71)
Belgium	13	(1933-35)
Lithuania	13	(1936-39)
Portugal	3	(1948-53)
San Marino	13	(1986-*)

* = still continuing






Norway in the top five

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WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Lineker praises Aussies

English hero Gary Lineker has joined a worldwide television audience of one billion viewers after giving Australia a huge vote of confidence for staging the World Youth Championships.

Lineker is in Hobart on an intensive two week training camp with his new Japanese club Nagoya Grampus Eight in preparation for the country's new professional league, which kicks-off in May.

The former England captain will be barred from attending any WYC games because of training commitments - but said he would be glued to his television watching the action.

"I think it's great that a country like Australia, which hasn't had a long history in football, is making such an effort and staging something this big," said Lineker.

"It's a great spectacle

and I'm sure it will continue to run well."

The 32-year-old veteran of 80 appearances for England said he would naturally be barracking for his own country, but declined to tip the eventual winners.

"It's very difficult to know what's going to happen with a youth tournament but I'll be keen for England to do well," said the former Tottenham, Barcelona, Everton and Leicester City striker.

Nagoya Grampus Eight passed over Sydney and Melbourne to train in Tasmania because of its peace and quiet and cooler climate.

Lineker has been impressed with Nagoya's professionalism.

He said an indication has been the toughness of the training camp - which has forced him to refuse invitations to visit Melbourne and Adelaide to appear on television.

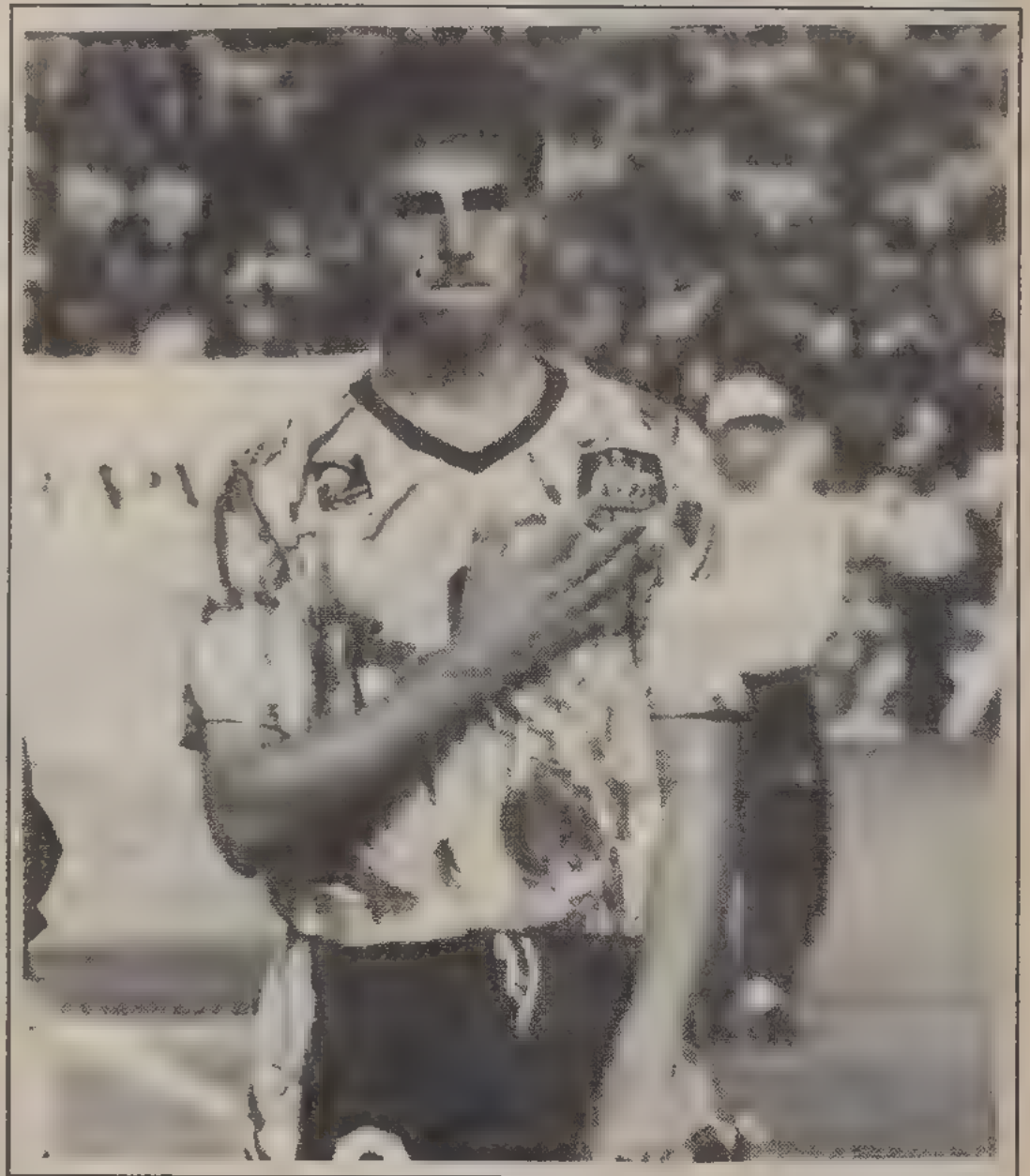


Gary Lineker

Nagoya's camp will end on Saturday with a match against Tasmania.

"The training hours are longer than in England," added Lineker.

AUSSIES NOW FACE RUSSIANS



LORENC ON THE SPOT

By TED SIMMONS

Australian referee Richard Lorenc was the man in the middle for the clash between Mexico and Norway in the World Youth Championship Group D match in Adelaide yesterday.

Lorenc was Australia's representative at the World Cup finals in Italy in 1990 and has been a long-serving member on the FIFA list.

Kim Nielsen of Denmark had the central role for the opening fixture at the Sydney Football Stadium between Australia and Colombia.

The 33-year-old Nielsen has experience in refereeing European Cup matches.

Another Australian, Gordon Dunster, who lined at the Barcelona Olympics last year, was one of the linesmen for the Saturday match in Canberra between Russia and Cameroon.

Lorenc will be the only Australian to handle games during the championship but another seven have been named on the linesmen's panel.

They are John Bowdler (NSW), Eugene Brazzale (Vic), Manny Loupis (NSW), Alex Spiroski (NSW), Robert Davies (NSW), Carlo Graser (Vic) and Dunster (ACT).

Australia's first representative at international level was Ron Wright at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games followed by Tony Boskovic at the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany.

Chris Bambridge was appointed to the Mexico World Cup, controlled the final of the 1985 World Under 17s in China and went to the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

FIFA secretary general Sepp Blatter said at the World Youth draw in Sydney last December that all of the referees appointed for the Australian tournament would be candidates for next year's World Cup finals in the United States.



Richard Lorenc

AUSTRALIA '93 - FACTS & FIGURES

***YOUNGEST PLAYER:** Patrick Herve Suffo Kengne of Cameroon is 15 and will not turn 16 until 17/1/94

***OLDEST PLAYER:** Torsten Lieberknecht of Germany is 19 and will turn 20 on 1/8/93.

***YOUNGEST TEAM:** Cameroon at an average age of 17.3.

***OLDEST TEAM:** Germany with 15 of their players aged 19.

***LEAST CLUBS:** Uruguay, Colombia and Germany, drawing their players from nine clubs.

***MOST CLUBS:** USA, drawing their players from 17 different clubs.

The euphoria of the Young Socceroos' 2-1 first up triumph over Colombia in the World Youth Championship was short lived.

And it certainly wasn't allowed to interfere with training yesterday.

Captain Kevin Muscat had the perfect response to speculation that the victory may have bred complacency in the camp.

"The most important game of our lives is tonight, because it's the next one," he said.

The Young Socceroos trained lightly for over an hour, although midfielder Ante Moric, who suffered a calf injury in last night's game at the Sydney Football Stadium, was on the pitch for about half that time.

Even so, Moric was satisfied, and confident of playing in Australia's second group match against Russia in Sydney on Monday.

"I did a few laps and stretches to keep flexible, and now I'll put ice on it for about 20 minutes," he said after training.

"The swelling's gone down, and I'll be back to normal training.

"I'll probably have a fitness test after the session, and we'll decide then. But I think I'll be all right.

Pedro Ruz, the team's physio, agreed.

"He took a hard knock above his right ankle on the back of his leg, but he's under treatment and although I can't say for sure, he

should be available for selection tonight," he said.

While Moric said the pain didn't stop him sleeping, midfielder Sean Cranney had problems sleeping for a completely different reason.

He was substituted in the 61st minute by Darren Iocca after a below-par performance and admitted his confidence had taken a knock.

"I know I wasn't match fit, and I didn't play well from the start," said Cranney.

Cranney had been out of soccer for about six weeks with a badly sprained ankle and blisters, but said neither were to blame for his poor showing.

"I didn't play in the warm-up game last week against Blacktown because of my blisters, but they've been bandaged up really well and

my ankle didn't bother me last night either," he said.

"The trouble was just lack of match fitness."

Cranney said Scheinflug gave him every encouragement after the game.

"He said I should just forget about it, and think of all the good games I've played," said Cranney, "but I still couldn't sleep."

Captain Muscat also gave Cranney a vote of confidence after training.

"I think we'll have the same starting lineup against Russia on tonight, even though both substitutes Fabio Macolino and Darren Iocca performed really well," he said.

"Sean's not one to hang his head."

He also predicted a change in approach on tonight.

"The Russian style is different from the Colombians," said Muscat.

"They drop off behind the ball and give you more time to get back to it, so to some degree the pace could be slower.

"But then they attack, and that's when it will speed up.

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

SIR ARTHUR WAS A DOUBLE INSTIGATOR

By TED SIMMONS

SIR Arthur George just happened to be at the right place and at the right time to bring two World Championship finals to Australia.

The Australian Federation President, who has been a member of soccer's world governing body FIFA for the past 14 years, has been the guiding force in taking Australian from obscurity to international recognition.

Taiwan and Nigeria were the Springboards which enabled Australia to be one of the few countries to stage two FIFA International tournaments within 12 years.

"The 1981 finals had been promised to me but at the last minute Uruguay became the favourite because of the money it put up," said Sir Arthur.

"We found an underwriter, told FIFA we could match the money and got a unanimous vote.

"But the support began much earlier when I became known for my objections to Taiwan wanting to be called the Republic of China, flying the flag of Imperial China and using the anthem.

"I was nominated with



John Constantine: Is following in Sir Arthurs footsteps.

Iran by the pro-Beijing group to be their spokesmen until the compromise of Chinese-Taipei was worked

out in 1978 and then was co-opted on to FIFA.

"A number of problems arose after Nigeria was given

next month's tournament and when FIFA took it away from them I spoke up and said why not give it to Australia. It was awarded to us 24 hours later."

Sir Arthur has already noted the huge differences which exist between the preparation and ultimate staging of the two tournaments.

In 1981, the organising committee consisted of mostly state delegates and co-opted members who were faced with games being massive brawl between supporters of England and Argentina, difficulty getting the matches on to television and low government support.

There was also a reluctance of countries to release top players because the tournament had just made a World Championship and nations weren't falling over each other to compete.

"It was a series of catastrophes apart from our quarter final match against the ultimate winner West Germany," said Sir Arthur.

"The tournament did show our organising ability and we even got credit for the way we solved our dismissal from

the SCG to the then Sydney Sports Ground where we had to hire banks of lights to enable the games to be played.

"But this time, major companies are represented on the organising committee and there's also input from Sydney 2000 (Olympic Bid) who consider the tournament as a trial run of Australia's ability to a run a world class event."

Pre-sales of tickets have been good in Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane, but poor in Canberra and disappointing in Melbourne. If the present rate keeps up, 30 per cent of the available seats will be pre-sold.

But the improvement by Australia and its high regard around the world is the dominant discussion point.

"Australia is short on heroes apart from a few swimmers and athletes. Soccer and rugby union are providing the best national and international performances," he said.

"Olympic Games captain Ned Zelic has been adopted by the non-soccer public and there should be a great spin-off for the code.

"In 1981, not one member

of the FIFA Executive knew an Australian player, now we are well known to them through our grading of fourth at Olympic and Under 20 level and seventh in the Under 17."

Sir Arthur praised coaches Eric Worthington and Rudi Gutendorf for their role in taking Australia out of the doldrums.

Worthington overhauled the teaching program when appointed National Director of Coaching while Gutendorf, despite his failure with the Socceroos in the 1982 campaign, fought for and gained an increased emphasis on youth training.

"Worthington said when we start exporting players we'll have arrived. It would open a career path for young people but every time we've lost someone overseas, someone else has taken their place," said Sir Arthur.

"But three areas needs to be addressed. All coaches should be licensed and attend top-class FIFA sessions each year, facilities should be further improved and professionalism must come before we can get better.

"If even half the 46

players now overseas came back home, the standard would improve and so would the crowds.

"And judging by the quality of the teams coming here next month, the world is taking this tournament seriously."

The big influx of international media to Australia, and its subsequent reports around the world, is of major importance to the organisers.

Olympic Games hopes will be helped by favourable comments as well as the staging of the tournament before an estimated television viewing audience of two billion people.

"Australia is the only country in this region which has improved its performance and the gap is consistently widening," said Sir Arthur.

"We need maximum attendances at every venue to keep this prestige and support. This tournament has increased in stature to a genuine World Championship which has also become a delight and a dream for coaches and talent scouts."

Kids charm the world

TRADITIONAL aboriginal dances and the Australian beach were the dominant features of the spectacular ceremony which opened the World Youth Championship.

The ceremony kicked off the tournament, rated the world's biggest single sporting event for the year.

"More than 3,000 metres of fabric and endless hours were spent in creating a series of unforgettable images.

"The children, who ranged in age from eight to 18, have been every good an patient during rehearsal last week but I thought we'd never get it right until it suddenly clicked.

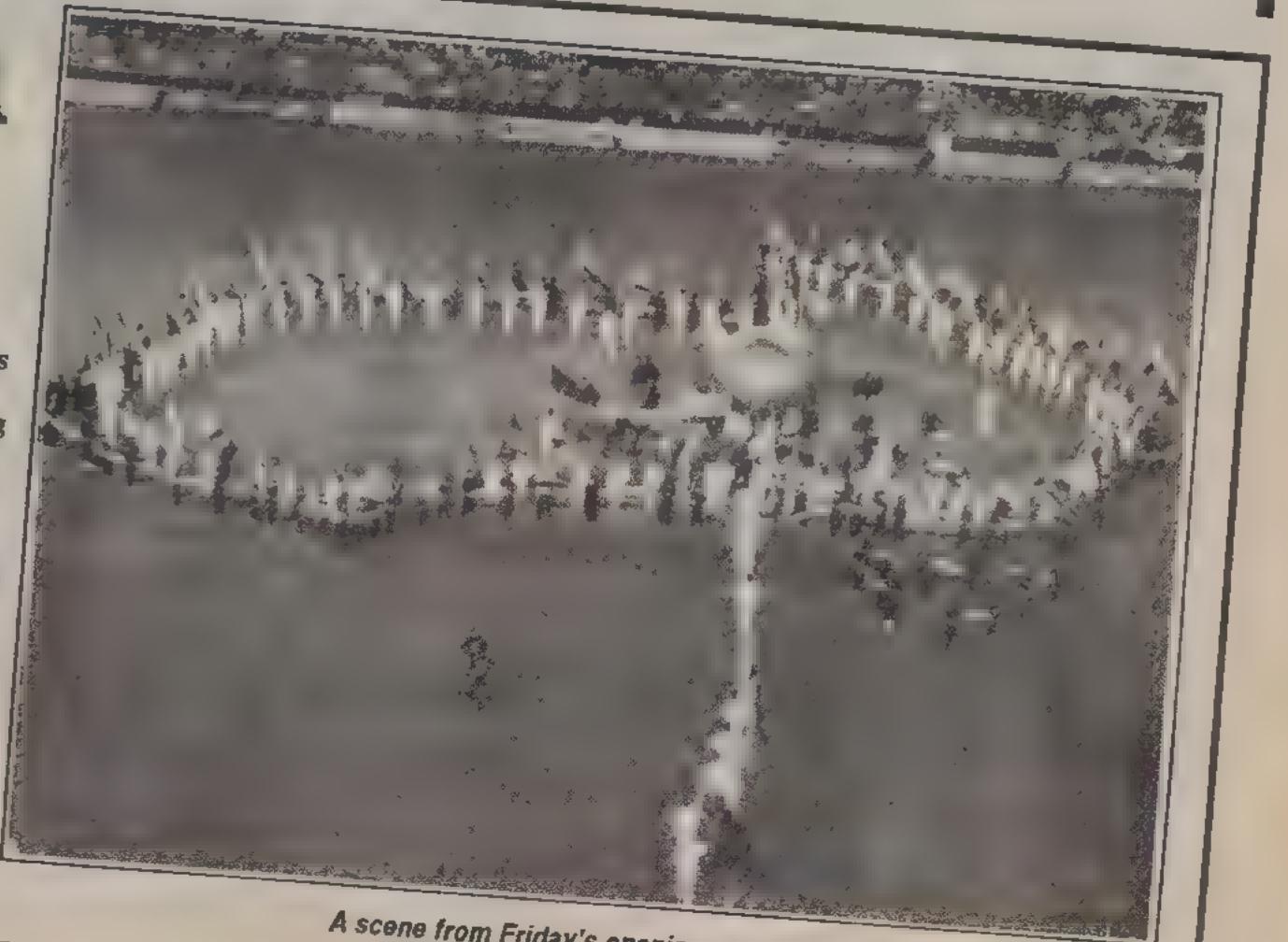
"Traditional and contemporary dances were performed by the Bangarra Group to bring some of Australia's ancient history to the millions of viewers around the world who will watch the ceremony on television."

Organisers arranged 40 buses to pick up the children from 20 different locations ranging from near-city to outer suburbs.

Richards worked on the project since last October with a staff of five.

She said the ceremony was similar in concept to the openings of the Olympic and Commonwealth Games and Soccer's World Cup.

"The Sydney 2000 Olympic people helped us and were looking at it as a dry run if the city wins the games," she said.



A scene from Friday's opening ceremony

Mexicans too hot for Norway

Nieto double sets up big win

**MEXICO 3
NORWAY 0**

Norway felt the full force of a Mexican wave in a one-sided opening Group D match at Hindmarsh Stadium.

In one of the most impressive performances of the tournament so far, Mexico gave the Norwegians a 3-0 hiding.

Left winger Vicente Nieto scored two of Mexico's goals but the most eye-catching contribution came from Jesus Olalde.

Olalde started the game ahead of Mexico's regular striker Gabriel Garcia and fully vindicated his

selection.

With Olalde, Garcia and Luis Salazar, the Mexicans should have one of the strongest attacking line-ups in the tournament.

Mexico, after starting slowly, went to the halftime break ahead 1-0 with Nieto scoring in the 44th minute after an earlier shot from Olalde was blocked by Norwegian goalkeeper Thomas Myhre.

Nieto made it 2-0 in that 68th minute and then man-of-the-match Olalde made sure of the result with his goal in the 82nd.

Norway had a few chances the best in the 67th minute when second-

half substitute Harald Loedemel missed from close range.

Tournament favourite Brazil was playing Saudi Arabia in the second match last night.

MEXICO: Sanchez, Amante, Solis, Davino, C Gonzalez, R Gonzalez, Sanchez, Olalde, Sol (Garcia 70), Nieto, Salazar (G Garcia 75).

NORWAY: Myhre, Skonhoft, Oestvold, Jacobsen, Larsden, Olsson (Rudi 65), Hafstad, Rannestad (Loedemel 45), Skorve, Nordengen, Daland.



Garcia

GROUP C UPDATE

USA led Turkey 3-0 at halftime at Olympic Park in Melbourne.

The Americans overpowered the European champions.

They stunned their opponents with a 3 three goal burst inside seven minutes midway through the first half.

Imad Baba opened the scoring in the 23rd minute. Four minutes later Miles Joseph added the second before Chris Fakiaris made it three on the half hour.



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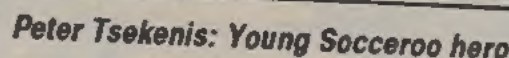


AUSTRALIA 2
COLOMBIA 1

Colombia could have easily gone in front after 22 minutes when a corner kick from Gonzalez was perfectly headed by an unmarked Moreno, but the ball whistled inches over.

The Young Gun game plan was played out to a fitting conclusion with a series of perfectly timed simple triangular plays

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"He will last the whole game against Russia," added Agostino.

Australia: Matassa, Muscat (captain), Moore, A. Juric, Winge
Craney, Tsekenis, Carbone, Moric, Milicic, Agostino.

The 5,000 crowd at Bruce Stadium suffered a tedious game of few chances and little inspiration.

JOHN, PAUL AND RINGO

BY TED SIMMONS

HUNDREDS of screaming girls packed outside the hotel calling for team members was once a dream but is now becoming a reality for the Young Socceroos.

The 'John, Paul and Ringo' type reception happened when the Australians were in Chile for the finals of the 1987 World Youth Soccer Championship and they also attracted wide attention in Portugal for the 1991 titles.

Melbourne striker Paul Trimboli unexpectedly found himself, with midfielder Jason Polak, the centre of attention because their blond hair and blue eyes contrasted vividly with the local residents in Santiago.

"The scene was just incredible. The girls tried to get into the hotel for autographs or to talk to us and we were waving from the windows," Trimboli said.

"It was great at the start but our coach Les Scheinflug finally had to order us to close the curtains and windows and not encourage them. If we went outside the hotel we were mobbed which was exciting at first but after a while became annoying.

"We couldn't move, couldn't use the exits and needed an escort to get the 10 metres from the team bus into the hotel after training. We certainly learned how the Beatles felt."

Trimboli and Polak are among the many former

national youth representatives who have won selection in the Socceroos or who have been signed by overseas clubs.

Maradona has become the most famous name to come from the youth ranks while Australia has contributed Frank Farina, Paul Okon and Ned Zelic in recent years.

"Football is like a religion in South America and the media coverage is huge. We were treated as important people, something we don't get at home," Trimboli said.

"but the unstable political situation in Chile caused some worry and we never really got used to an armed guard sitting in the bus whenever we went to training."

South America had an entirely different meaning for former Socceroo and current Preston coach Oscar Crino.

Crino, born in Argentina, was chosen in the Australian side to play the country of his birth at the Sydney Sportsground in the 1981 finals.

"It was a big occasion for me going on to the sportsground to play for Australia. It was my first World Championship and I wanted to make sure it would be a stepping stone to the big one," he said.

"I felt very relieved when we came off 2-1 winners but the game took a lot out of me.

"The representative period was probably the best 10 years of my life, lasting from the youth to the seniors, and the national anthem is one of the best moments a sportsman can feel.

"It wakes you up, reminds you that you're representing nearly 18 million people and you miss it when you don't hear it. I'm grateful I heard it a few times."

Crino said Australia today has a lot of high quality talent and should be tapped far earlier than the age of 17. He suggests youngsters should be picked for training at the age of 12 to become national players of the future.

Peter Raskopoulos,

Crino's midfield teammate, agreed the inaugural World Championship in 1981 was an unforgettable experience.

"We were virtually in a daze. Beating Argentina was great and I hit the crossbar in the 1-1 draw with England. No drugs could give you the feeling of the games," he said.

"I was in the 1979 team which was eliminated by Paraguay and Australia was virtually the first guinea-pig for the world title.

"FIFA made a good move to begin the Under-17 and Under-20 tournaments. Many players in that age group are now being sold to major clubs and the more experience they can gain at an earlier age the more they'll benefit.

"Next on the list will be our Under-17s to overseas clubs as scouts see their value. Back in 1981 it was unheard of for an Australian player to go overseas."

Australia's 1983 team to Mexico produced its crop of stars and unexpected results with midfielder Tom McCulloch and keeper Anthony Franken still savouring the games.

Franken remembers walking on to the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City to represent Australia for the first time, running the last 800 metres to get into the ground because of a traffic holdup, and the roar from the 110,000 spectators as the match started.

"The game hasn't changed that much in the past decade but the preparation is different," he said.

"In 1983, we had a warm-up tournament in Acapulco while the present team has played Brazil, Korea and toured the Middle East. It certainly gives them a better chance to know each other and work as a team."

McCulloch's most vivid memory was in Costa Rica when Australia beat the host nation and Israel to qualify for the finals.

But his biggest disappointment was not the preliminary round failure but suffering a last minute injury



Paul Trimboli (left) and Con Boutsianis

which kept him out of the 2-1 win over Scotland, his parents' birthplace.

"One area that has changed is the expectation of our supporters. If we made the final 16 or the quarter-finals a decade ago it was considered a tremendous achievement. Now people expect us to make them," he

said.

"Maybe it's a compliment of what we've achieved at that level but it is unnecessary pressure on the players.

"Les Scheinflug would always tell us that concentration, commitment and confidence comes from the first match and that game

was all we had to worry about.

"That first game is so important in a four-team group and that's why it is essential for all Australians and the media to get behind the Young Socceroos and support them in this tournament" added McCulloch.

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